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LEWIS MARKS DIED YESTERDAY

Was 41 Years Old — Very Popular Man Whose Death is Greatly Regretted By All

The sad tidings reached Smethport yesterday morning of the death of Lewis Marks, which occurred at the Bradford hospital, where he was taken two weeks ago to day.

Mr. Marks has been in poor health for several years, due to a complication of ailments, and while not confined to the house for any considerable period his condition was such as to cause his relatives and friends much concern for some time past. He was a very popular man and expressions of sadness over his passing away are heard on every hand

While data is not available for a correct obituary notice at this time the writer from personal acquaintance with Mr. Marks knows that he came to Smethport about sixteen years ago when the hand-blower glass factories were at their best work. He was a glasscutter by trade and an exceptionally skillful workman.

Lewis was of that bright and cheerful disposition that makes friends rapidly and he possessed depth of character with a high degree of intelligence so the new friends became close friends, and it is safe to say that no death that has occurred in Smethport within recent years has occasioned more genuine sorrow to the community at large.

About ten years ago Mr. Marks was married to Miss Ethel Gifford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warley Gifford of Smethport and one child, Emma Agnes, was born to them ans survives with her mother to mourn the loss of this tenderly loving father and husband.

The remains were brought to Smethport from Bradford yesterday afternoon and taken to the Gifford residence on West King street where he resided The funeral will be held there at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

DEATH OF RENA GIFFORD.

Mrs Rena Gifford died at her reaf dence at Crosby, Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 12 05 p m. aged 49 years, 11 months. She died of typhoid pneumonia after an illness of ten days.

Her maiden name was Rena Taylor. She was born at Crocetion Center, Sullivan county, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1869.

At the age of 18 she was married to Duello Gifford of East Smethport, where they lived for two years. They then moved to Crosby where they lived until her death.

Geo Taylor of Avoca, Pa, her father, Duello Gifford, her husband; John and Ray Gifford, her two sons; Genie Pixley, Belle Cox, and Jennie Matterson her daughters, of Crosby survive to mourn her loss.

The funeral was held at the family residence, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. W. E VanDyke of Smethport officiating. A large concourse of relatives, friends and members of Oganic Council, No. 188, Degree of Pocohontas, of which she was a member followed her to her last resting place in Colegrove cemetery.

DON'T SEND FOOD TO SOLDIERS.

The Council of National Defense desires to inform the people of the country that abundant food is supplied to the soldiers and sailors in the camps and cantonments, and that the sending of food to these men by their friends and families is not in any respect necessary; that the aggregate quantity of food thus privately sent is enormous, and that much of it, having been conveyed long distances in heated express or mail cars, is more or less spoiled, and consequently injurious to the health of the men. Therefore, in the interest of the conservation of food, and also the health of the men, the Council of National Defense requests the public to discontinue the practice of sending foodstuffs to the camps.

GERMAN PAPERS PLEASE COPY.

Shortly after the war started we were informed by the manufacturers shopkeepers and millinery that, since dyes could no longer be procured from Germany, no colors of any kind could be warranted as "fast." However, since then we have learned of three colors made in the United States that positively will not "run." These colors are red, white and blue.—The Independent.

ANNUAL FARM BUREAU MEETING.

The Annual Farm Bureau meeting which was held Wednesday of this week at Smethport was quite well attended considering weather conditions which caused delays in traveling, especially by rail.

The business session which should have been held in the forenoon was dispensed entirely due to the lack of a sufficient number of officers being able to get here. The afternoon meeting was attended by seventythree men and the Home Economic Farm Bureau meeting in the basement of the M E. Church was attended by thirty-six ladies At the next Annual meeting we hope tha the ladies will run better competition for number than they have this year.

Other than the reports of the Treasurer, the Auditing Committee, The Extension Representative, the following talks were given

Mr. C. F. Preston, one of the Assistant State Leaders of County Agents, gave the outline of an ideal five year program, beginning with the initiative of a Farm Bureau in a County.

Mr. H. K. Crofoot, discussed in detail the form of organization in Cataraugus County as well as the methods of securing memberships and much of the detail of the work for the past three or four years.

The last address of the session was that of Professor Fred Rasmussen on "The Dairy Cow and the McKean County Agriculture." Without a doubt every man present before he had finished, knew why the different agricultural papers and publications quote Professor Rasmussen is one of he best authorities on dairy subjects. Considerable of his experience was gained in the wonderful dairy country of Den mark and a great deal in New Hampshire Experiment Sttion, Purdue University and one or two other institutions.. One big point he made very plain to the farmers was that the dairy cow was here to stay and was a big part of the foundation of other lines of farming.

A resolution was read by the Chairman of the resolution committee at the end of the meeting which ws in substance this That the County Commmissioners be extended thanks for their consideration of the money appropriated to the Farm Bureau for the past year and recommended that a similar amount be appropriated this coming year.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Marriage Licenses.

Jan. 9—William Theodore Glatzbach of Rochester, N. Y., and Amy Edith Haines of Fairport, N. Y.

Jan. 9—George Edward Dougherty of Limestone, N. Y., and Mary Young of Titusville, Pa.

Jan 9—Guy Crandall of Olean, N. Y. and Venus M. Dunkle of Mt. Jewett.

Jan 10—William Lawrence Gorman and Margaret Louise McDermott, both of Bradford.

Deeds.

Jan 10.—J. Ellison Rice et al to Manor Real Estate and Trust Co., Eldred Twp. $2750.

Arthur G. Maltbie and wife to J. E. Hitchcock. Eldred Twp, $300.

Jan. 11—O. H. Lindholm and wife to J. E Mullin, Kane, $1.

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Claude D. Heinline and wife to City of Bradford, $4000.

E. L. Morrison, Exr. et al to Bradford Garage Co, Bradford, $3000.

Jan. 12—Anna Schlieff to Edward Johnson, Sergeant Twp., $450.

Georgina Bastow and husband to Stainstow Malanoski et al, Bradford, $250.

Jan. 14—Anna Barkas to C. W. Catlin, Port Allegany, $600.

George Burnham to D. M. Hoffman, Eldred Twp., $2150.

Jan 15—Arthur A. Prentiss and wife to Sara Soop Prentiss, Otto Twp., $1000.

Eva Baldwin to Edith E Demler, Bradford, $1.

Satisfaction of Mortgage.

Jan 12—Bey V. Phillips, Sur Trustee to James A. Doyle, Bradford, $3000.

Jan 14—John Bird to Grant Hitchcock et al, Bradford Twp., $800.

Jan. 15— E. O. Berger to Andrew F. Isaacson and wife, Kane, $700

Right of Way.

Jan. 15.—Alice Kilbury to B. B. Stroud Co., Otto Twp, $27.50.

Surrender Lease.

Jan. 10—Potter Gas Co., to Emma L. Colegrove, et al, Liberty Twp.

CARD OF THANKS.

The relatives of Mrs Rena Gifford wish to thank their many friends for the kindness shown them during her sickness, death and burial.

BUY AT HOME CAMPAIGN STARTS

Read the Trade at Home Department on Page Three and Join the Boosters.

This week the MINER publishes the first of a series of twenty-six articles written by one of the ablest writers in the country on the important subject of Buying at Home. This department will be found upon page 3, and will be worth your close attention each week.

These articles are aimed particularly against mail order houses and foreign trading centers fhich have no interests here more than the dollars they can secure through catalog advertising.

These out of-town concerns own no real estate here, pay no taxes, have no money on deposit in the local banks and do not assist in any way in helping to keep up our schools churches, charitable organizations and improvements in general, that local merchants and business men are called upon to support.

The buy-at home articles should be read carefully by everyone. They will prove the feasibility of patronizing home merchants and doing what we can toward building up this community.

BIG TIMBER SALE SATURDAY.

One of the largest Pennsylvania timber land sales made in some years was consumated last Saturday at Smethport, when Attorney F. D. Gaffup sold to Frank E. Campbell and associates of Elmira, N. Y., the famous Rose Estate tract, located in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania about 10 miles south of Binghamton, N. Y., on Silver Lake. The property conveyed consists of about one thousand, acres of the finest grade Pennsylvania virgin hemlock, conservatively estimated at 15,000,000 feet together with three or four million feet of hardwood and 6000 or 7000 tons of bark. The consideration is private, but it is understood the purchase price was around $100 per acre for the timbered land. It is said the purchasers will commence cutting on the tract the coming spring. It is conceded by men familiar with the property that the purchasers got great bargain. This is one of the very few large tracts of hemlock now standing in this part of the country.

LETTER FROM THOMAS HARRINGTON.

Orting, Pierce County, Washington, Monday, December 31, 1917.

Miss Backus:—Wishing you my dear old-time friend, your mother, Harry and family, my own numerous relatives, the good neighbore I once knew well, my G. A. R. and Spanish War Comrades a Happy New Year, it is to thank you for past favors of the "MINER" and to place myself on your list of readers, I inclose my subscription for Nineteen eighteen,

Praying victory and a World-Emancipating Crown cay he borne Home by Our Own Brave Boys 'ere the dawn of another New Year.

Sincerely,

THOMAS HARRINGTON.

P. S. I am quite convenient to the great cantonment, Camp Lewis, and I expect to assist ta the fine entertainments—for the boys in training—Managed by the Y. M. C. A., and Knights of Columbus.

HAMLIN BANK & TRUST COMPANY OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company held January 9th. 1918 the following stockholders were re elected. directors for the ensuing year, Hon. Henry Hamlin, Orlo J. Hamlin, John Forrest, C. D. Comes, Hon. Jas. A. McKean, Charles McKean, Fred D. Gallup, Guy McCoy and Ralph E. Burdick.

At the meeting of Directors the following officers were chosen. Chairman Executive Board and Vice-Pres. Henry Hamlin; President, Orlo J. Hamlin, Secretary & Treasurer, Ralph E. Burdick; Asst Secretary and Treasurer, Guy McCoy; Tellers, Frank B. Fay and Albert Johnson

WANTED.

Teams to haul chemical wood. Work for all winter. Good wages board in town James Manufacturing Co, Kane, Pa. adv.3w3

BOSTON MAN AT NORWICH.

Thursday morning at 6:30 o'clock occurred the death of Dr. Francis Turney Dunnitt of Norwich at the residence of J. F. Armstrong of that place, Dr. Dunnitt was in the 51st year of his life and death was caused by pneumonia. The doctor came to Norwich from Clearfield in November, 1917, and assumed the practice of Dr. Winslow, who moved to Meadville. Although he had been a resident of Norwich only a short time he had made many friends among the people of that vicinity and his death is sincerely regretted.

He was born in New Washington, Clearfield county, May 3, 1867, and after growing to manhood and becoming a physician practiced at Clearfield before coming to Norwich. He was a member of Coalport, Lodge, F. & A. M. Clearfield Chapter; Altoona Commandry; and also a member of the Shrine at Altoona.

He leaves a widow, also one brother, W J. Dennitt of Eldred, Neb

Services were held at Mr. Armstrong's residence, Tuesday, and that evening the remains were taken to Clearfield, where the funeral and burial occurred to-day.

WILL EXCHANGE ON OLD BASIS.

Editor Colcord of the Potter Journal informs his farmer readers that if they do not think his paper is worth $2 00 a year he is perfectly willing to exchange with them on a basis popular two years ago He will exchange a year's subscription for either

2 bushels of potatoes.
4 pounds butter.
2 bushels apples.
10 pounds fresh pork.
10 pounds maple sugar.
2 cans maple syrup
8 pounds home-cured ham
8 pounds dressed chicken.
4 dozen eggs.
2 bushels onions.
1 bushel beans.

SMETHPORT DAIRYMEN.

The Local Branch of the Dairymen's League Incorporated, which was organized during the past week, will hold a meeting in the I. O. O. F. Hall in Smethport at 2 00 p. m., tomorrow, (Friday,)

Every dairyman is invited not only to attend the meeting, but to become a part of the League and thereby strengthen the League so that the dairymen of Smethport as a whole will be able to command definite prices and a definite market for their milk

It is hoped that it is possible that Professor Fred Rassmussen, who is addressing the Annual Farm Bureau meeting will be able to address the dairy meeting as well.

Come and bring your neighbor.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Whereas, it has pleased the Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst Sister Gifford, and while it is with sorrow we bow our heads in humble submission to His will and say with heavy hearts "Thy will be done."

Be it resolved, That we as brothers and sisters of the Degree of Pocohontas, express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and that the resolution be spread on the minutes and a copy sent to the family.

Sisters,
Neva B. Marsh,
Hattie Lathrope,
Goldie Greely.

P. H. C. INSTALLED OFFICERS.

The Protected Home Circle installed the following officers Tuesday night.

Past President, Henry Butler.
President, Kate Bender.
Vice-President, Ethel Cunningham,
Guardian, Kathryn Hungiville.
Chaplain, Hattie Abbey.
Secretary, Anna Starks.
Ass't Lalile Colegrove
Treasurer, Mary Purple,
Guide, Julia Gaynor,
Companion, Alica Digel.
Sentinel, Martha Rose
Watchman, Jennie Eberspacher.

LICENSE TO HANDLE EXPLOSIVES.

License to handle explosives may now be secured from the Prothonotary of the county. Mr. Starsky has designated justices of the peace in the various districts of the county who will be able to issue these licenses as soon as they receive authority from the Bureau of Mines of the U. S. government. So far the only persons who are known to have received such authority are A. V Miller of Mt. Jewett and E. F. Williams of Bradford. All applicants for these licenses must appear in person before the authorized licensor.

SMETHPORT MAN AMONG HEROES?

Official British Photograph Evidence That Louis Steritt Was in Great Rush at Cambrai

That Smethport may have had a representative in that heroic band of American Army Engineers who dropped their tools and fought side by side with the British at Cambria in the recent great offensive movement of General Byng's troops, is the firm belief of friends of Sergeant Louis Steritt of this place. The New York Times of January 6, published a picture of a group of these Americans who won world's fame at that time and Mr. Steritt or his exact double in one of the men pictured Under the strict censorship now prevailing it will undoubtedly be some time before this belief can be confirmed, but circumstances seem to point to Sergeant Steritt's actual participation in that most spectacular battle of the whole war.

LUDLOW MAN ROBBED OF $700

Charged with larceny of $700 from Isadore Czapeck, an Austrian, of Ludlow, Mrs. Mary Morano, wife of Tony Morano, of Bradford, is held in court and Chester Rines, former resident of Kane, is awaiting hearing in Bradford County Detective Joseph Robinson was in Kane Tuesday seeking Czapeck as a witness against Rines, who was arrested at Olean last Friday, Rines when arrested had $160 in ten and twenty dollar bills which is alleged is a part of the money stolen from Czapeck in a Hilton street house in Bradford last Monday night. Tony Morano, whose brother Frank, was killed by Rocco Carbone in Fraley St. in Kane last May was discharged when arraigned with his wife He at one time had a meat market in Kane but left there soon after the murder of his brother for which Carbone is serving a 15 year sentence.

According to the story related to County Detective Robinson, Czapeck came to Bradford in search of work after being discharged from the Kane Summit hospital, where he was treated for rheumatism. He met Tony Morano and Chester Rines in a saloon and after a few drinks, it is alleged that suggestion was made that he go to the Moran home on Hilton street to spend the nigh. The drunken man before retiring is claimed to have the $700 roll that he had drawn from the Curwensville bank when war was declared between the United States and Austria as ignorance prompted fear of confiscation of his deposit. According to the story, a forth Italian, who has not been identified rousted Czapeck out of bed and ordered him from the house, When Czapeck protested that he had been robbed of the roll which he missed when he dressed, he was given a two dollar bill by Mrs. Morano whom he told that he did not have a nickel as result of the theft.

Czapeck related his story to the authorities, made formal complaint and the arrest of Tony Morano and his wife followed, the former being discharged. Rines was found by County Detective Robinson at Olean and arrest made.

ALL INDUSTRIES TO SUSPEND ONE DAY A WEEK.

A sweeping order from the government announced last night makes all industries in the country suspend work on one day of he week—Monday—for the next ten weeks. This is for the purpose of saving fuel. As coal is the principal article to be saved it is quite probable that Smethport industries burning only a small anount of gas hat cannot be used elsewhere will be allowed to run by the Fuel Commissioners when the matter is properly brought to their attention. The order closes all stores except pices selling foods and drug stores. Telegraph and telephone companies may continue business.

NOTICE.

On account of the shortage of lab or and material we are unable to get milk bottles, therefore after January 15, all bottles must be left out or no milk will be delivered.

adv1w. A. F. REEVES & SON.

Fresh 60c chocolates for 43c at the Big Sale on Saturday next.

adv1w. McCOYS DRUG STORE.

MAY CUT OUT DELIVERIES.

In response to the call made by the Board of Commerce at the request of the McKean County Public Safety Committee about twenty persons representing a majority of grocery and meat markets in Bradford met at the Board of Commerce headquarters Friday night to consider a proposition advanced by representatives of the Public Safety Committee to curtail the price of foodstuffs. Messrs Hungiville, McCoy, Studholme, Crossman and Backus of Smethport, representing the committee, were present and addressed the food dealers. Illness prevented G. W. Mitchell, the chairman, from attending and Mr. Hungiville was substituted as principal speaker. He made a patriotic appeal to the food dealers to unite in some plan which would curtail the delivery system now in use in order to release men now in this work for farming and other industries and expressed the belief that the women of Bradford would willingly cooperate in this policy. Messrs. Studholme, McCoy and Crossman also made remarks relative to the adoption of a plan

At the suggestion of Mr. Hungiville the following agreement was adopted by the dealers present without a dissenting vote and prctically all signed their willingness to cooperate in the plan: We, the food dealers of Bradford, Pennsylvania, agree on and after February 1, 1918, in compliance with the request of the National Food Administration and because of the necessity of economy that the price of food shall not be unnecessarily high agree to

First. Materially reduce the price of food sold by us and to plainly mark the price of the articles.

Second. For each delivery made by us to charge five cents without regard to size or cost of same. This does not apply to deliveries out of the city.

Third. Charge one cent for each sale amounting to a dollar or fraction thereof when credit is extended.

A committee was provided to interview every dealer in Bradford in an attempt to get the unanimous consent to be above system.—Bradford Era.

MEN WANTED IN THE AVIATION CORPS.

At the urgent call of General Pershing in France the War Department has requested the Department of Labor through the United States Public Service to recruit motor mechanics for service in France Aviation Corps. Pennsylvania's quota is placed at 1000. Men required for the service must not be younger than twenty one or older than thirty-one Here is an opportunity for mechanics of that age who wish to offer the benefit of their skill and ability in the service of their country, to enlist. Men already engaged in industries vital to the prosecution of the war or who are available for shipbuilding should not be encouraged to enter this branch of service To enter this branch of the service enrollment in Reserve is not necessary. It is very important that 1000 men be recruited in Pennsylvania before February 1st. All men who enlist are to go immediately to Fort Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, then to France to work in Aeroplane Shops. Of the men enlisted over 50% will rank noncommissioned officers with a pay from $30 00 to $100 00 with an additional family allowance of from $5.00 to $50.00. Auto and gas engine repairmen are particularly required. Also auto drivers, blacksmiths, autoplane workers, carpenters, cabinet makers, harness makers, machinists, tool workers, sheet metal workers, acetylene welders and wheelwrights.

Men who are willing to enlist in this branch of the service should communicate at once with either of the following named gentlemen Frank Backus, Smethport; A. R Johnson, Earle S. Weber, Bradford; F. O. Peterson, C. D. Davis, Kane, J C. Moorehead, Mt. Jewett; Burt C. Lynch, Port Allegany; E. C. Stillman Eldred.

HAULING COAL THROUGH SMETHPORT.

The old coal mines at Bon Vein, near Mt. Alton, that were opened up last fall have been placed in a producing condition on a small scale with indications that the output will be greatly increased in the future. Within the last few days a number of sledloads of coal from the mines have passed through Smethport enroute for Eldred to be sold to consumers The coal scarcity all over the country seemingly would hasten the day when these mines be placed at the maximum of their production. While the veins are not thick the mines are located conveniently near localities that are suffering from want of fuel

FURNITURE

"We respectfully call your attention to the fact that all our Furniture is worth your notice. You will get good, honest Furniture, the kind that is up to date and well made.

H. H SASSE Furniture, and Wall Paper Undertaking in All Its Branches

MANY WOMEN

WHO HAVE BEEN DOING BUSINESS with us have added materially to the efficiency of our Bank, and their interests in our institution is much appreciated.

WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD to be of service in making plain the many puzzling questions that arise with reference to a Bank account.

It is always a pleasure to co-operate and serve you.

GRANGE NATIONAL BANK,
Smethport, Pa.

Save Your Cash and Your Health

HILL'S CASCARA BROMIDE QUININE

The standard cold cure for 20 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—cures cold in 24 hours—grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red top and Mr. Hill's picture on it. Costs less, gives more, saves money. 24 Tablets for 25c.

At Any Drug Store

McKean County Miner

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 17, 1917

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Monheimer's Sale Ends Saturday night, read his ad in to-days MINER, for particulars.

—Holmes and Gilfillan have a new ad to-day that is worth your close atention.

—A child's hand-knitted gray mitten was found Monday that the owner can have by calling on Mrs. Harry L. Backus.

—The Grange National Bank announces that it has ready the second issue of 4 per cent. Liberty Bonds which it is ready offer to interested investors.

—Van J. Daley visted his mother, Mrs. John McNamara, at the Bradford hospital Sunday, where she underwent a minor operation a few days ago.—Bolivar Breeze.

—R. O. Welling, superintendent of the schools of Potter county, died in Buffalo, Thursday. He had been a patient in that city for the past three months suffering with heart trouble. He was about 40 years old.

—The Ulysses Sentinel, after many years' existence as a Potter county newspaper will soon suspend publication. T. G. Gardner, for many years its editor, will accept a position as teacher of a school on Long Island.

—The gun cotton plant at Emporium has been placed in operation after a long shut down. More men are needed to run it successfully but the company is doing the best it can short-handed.

—Gustave Fritsch, an old resident of Coudersport, had the misfortune, on a bitter cold night last week, to fall in the snow and before anyone could give him aid, he had frozen both hands to such a degree that it may be necessary to amputate them at the wrists.

—Mrs. Iona Butterworth Merrick, aged nearly 80 years, widow of the late Major George W. Merrick, who died Feb. 11, 1916, died suddenly Tuesday of last week of heart disease, after less than an hour's illness. She was one of Coudesport's best known residents.

—The death of Mrs. Mary Jane Bannon was 72 years of age. She was Bradford's most highly respected women, occurred at her home No. 201 Congress street at noon Thursday, following a two week's illness. Mrs. Bannon suffered a paralytic stroke just before Christmas and had never recovered from that illness, although it was believed at one time that her condition was improving. Mrs. Bannon was 72 years olf age. She was united in marriage to Mr. Bannon 47 years ago at Corning, N. Y., and for 39 years had been a resident of Bradford. She was a member of St. Bernard's church the L. C. B. A. and the Rosary. She was the possessor of a beautiful character and happy disposition which won for her friends on all sides, who will greatly grieve over her death. Mrs. Bannon is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. E. J. Reidy, of Bradford, and two sons A. F. Bannon, Jr., of Bradford and William P. Bannon of Rock City. Her husband and children have the sympathy of many in their bereavement.—Bradford Star-Record.

ATTENTION TO ALL ADVERTISERS.

All change of advertisements reaching this office later than Tuesday at noon will be used the following week.

Twelve o'clock Tuesdays is the closing time for advertising copy to be in, and any arriving later than that will not be used the same week.

Advertisers are advised to bear this in mind as no exceptions will be made.

WHY RUSSIA WANTS REPUBLIC

Any Other Form of Government Would Present Many Difficulties, If Not Impossible.

A last point to which I wish to call attention is that from the first hour of the revolution the republican idea made extraordinary progress in the minds of all classes, writes "Captain X" in Scribner's. I live among Russians and could therefore watch its growth day by day. Men of letters and men of business, merchants, financiers, lawyers, professors—I saw them, one after another, come to the same way of thinking. For the first weeks it seemed impossible to many of a conservative turn of mind that there should be a Russian republic. They said:

"Our country is not ripe for one. Think of all the hard experiences which you French went through before the republic was really at home in France, and yet your people are highly developed, while ours are not." And so on. These same men have now come round, little by little, to the republican idea. One reason is that any other form of government would present many difficulties, if, indeed, it is not impossible. The Romanoff dynasty is discredited, to say the least; it is not conceivable that it should be reinstated, and there are no other available aspirants to the throne, even supposing that the nation wished to return to a monarchy.

Anyone who feels inclined to pronounce judgment upon the Russian revolution should bear this in mind; the old regime was so detestable that any new one, even if far from perfect, cannot be worse. From the military point of view, which is of course what is most interesting to Russia's allies, the former system, or want of it, had so disorganized the whole country that it was becoming more and more difficult to carry on the war. It is hard to see how now either the Russians or we of the allies can suffer by the change, because what has been thrown away was absolutely worthless. That should always be in our minds when we are inclined to criticise Russia, in order that we may keep our proper mental perspective and see things as they really are.

THE DOBYT MINER

NOT 'AT HOME' CAMPAIGN

Read the article with care. They may present something you hadn't thought of before. Patronize the people who patronize you. They are your neighbors and will treat you right. The money you spend with them stays in circulation in Smethport.

Just Draw Your Automobile In

We will do the rest, we can repair any make of car and we can fix you out with all kinds of accessories. Firestone Tires etc. Our Garage is always open for business. Boost for Home Trade we do. Smethport Garage Co.

We Carry all The Latest Creations.

On Ladies wear cloaks dresses, also a full line of Dry Goods. It is our aim to treat you fair and give you service and prices that will make you a permanent customer. Fry & Comes.

One by One of All Classes.

Are discovering that our cleaning and pressing service represents completeness all our work is thoroughly done. We also handle a full line of Wear-You-Well Shoes, try them and you will be pleased. James T. Chisholm.

When it is Groceries Just

Make up that $10 order, bring it to us, and your money will stay in town. That will help some. Buy at home every time. Lindholm Cash Grocery.

We Use No Chemicals.

Or injurious acids in our Laundry pure soap and water does the business. We call and deliver to any part of the town. Boosters for Home Trade.

Smethport Steam Laundry

We Want Every One in this Vicinity

To know we will not be undersold in Boots and Shoes all our stock is standard goods, and, we believe in small profits, and cloak sales. See us first.

Repairing done while you wait.

Anderson & Carlson

We Always Carry a full Line.

Of all kinds of fancy and staple groceries that will always be handled at a fair price. We don't believe in getting rich quick. We are ready to live and let live. Get our prices first. It will pay. W. W. Hewitt, Grocer.

Pure Drugs are Essential to

Health. Be sure they are pure. See us for all kinds of drugs. We carry full line of sundries, toilet articles, bathroom and sick room supplies. We are boosters for Home Trading. See us first. H. C. Wells, Druggist.

See Us and See Better.

Have you ever been examined by an authorized graduate of Optometrist. Now you are not taking any chances so come in and talk it over. Large line of Jewelry. Engstroms Jewelry and Optometrist.

Sunshine Cash Grocery Co.

For Saturday only

Dried Beef	50c
3 pkg Shredded Wheat	35c
2 lb Pitted Prunes	35c
3 lbs. Rice	29c

LOCAL DEALERS DO BUSINESS IN OPEN

Know They Must Face the Music if Their Customers Are Displeased.

MEET PATRONS FACE TO FACE

Mail Order Men Prefer to Sell at Long Distance Rather Than Deal With People in Their Own Cities.

(Copyright.)

One of the stock excuses of the man who orders goods from a mail order house is that there are many things that he wants that the local merchants do not carry in stock, and that it is necessary for him to send away from town to get them.

This explanation may be all right on the theory that a poor excuse is better than none, but it fails to pass muster when it is subjected to a little scrutiny.

Ask the man who offers this as an excuse for his dealings with the mail order man why he does not go to the local merchant and ask him to order the articles desired if they are not to be found in the merchant's stock. The merchant will very gladly do this, and the merchant and customer will both profit. The merchant can sell you whatever you desire at as low a price as the mail order house can make you on goods the same quality and he can make a small profit.

The customer will profit from the transaction, because he will be dealing with a merchant who stands back of the goods that he sells, and who is easily accessible in case the articles purchased do not prove to be all that the customer had expected.

Give Home Merchant Preference.

Why not try this plan the next time you need something which you cannot find in any of your home stores? The merchant in the average sized town cannot carry in stock everything that all of the people in his town may want at all times. It would require a capital many times larger than the average merchant can command to do this, but he does the best he can. He ordinarily does carry in stock at all times many things for which there is no general demand, in order that he may meet the needs of his customers to the greatest possible degree, but there is a limit to his purchasing ability. He is always ready and willing, however, to make every effort to meet the demands of the community. Why not, then, give him the preference over the far-distant mail order man if you must have something which is not to be found in the local stores? He will do the business in a satisfactory manner, give you as quick if not quicker service and more satisfactory treatment, and the chances are that he will give you better values for the money. Finally, whatever profit is to be made off the transaction will stay at home and do its bit toward making the merchant and his town and, incidentally, yourself, more prosperous.

No business can be transacted as satisfactorily at long range as it can when the two parties to the transaction meet face to face. The only exception to this rule is in the case of the mail order man himself, who can transact his business with greater success to himself at long distance than he could if he had to meet his customers face to face. That is the reason that he does business by mail instead of selling to the people in his own city. If the goods which the mail order man advertises in his alluring catalogues were the bargains that he represents them to be, he would not have to go outside of the confines of his own city to sell all the goods he could possibly obtain. But the average mail order house not only does not make any effort to sell goods in its own city, but will not sell to anyone residing within the city limits. The mail order man does not want to meet his customers face to face. He can do business better so far as he is concerned if his customer is some hundreds of miles away from his office.

Does Business in Open.

The man who sells goods over the counter, on the other hand, does business in the open. He cannot hide behind a corporate name or talk to a displeased customer from behind the locked doors of a private office. He knows that he must face the music in case he is a party to any transaction that won't stand the light of day. He knows that he must satisfy every customer with whom he may be dealing or he will lose not only that customer but probably others who will soon know all the facts if he does not do the square thing by any one of his irons.

There is no reason in the world for any person to send his money to a mail order house because he cannot find the article he wants in his local merchant is in business for the very purpose of getting you what you want. He has the information that will enable him to get what you want and to get it as quickly as you could get it from a mail order house. It is only fair to him to give him the chance to make such profit as any dealer would make on the transaction and it is only fair to yourself to keep that profit at home rather than to send it away to some far distant city from which it will never return.

THE BISETT SHOP

Is Headquarters in Smethport for Ladies and Children wear. Up-to-date millinery, fancy work and if it is nice dainty line of goods we have it on hand The Bisett Shop.

We are Always the First

to display the latest creations in Ladies Hats and Millinery. We keep in constant touch with Fashion large line of trimmed and untrimmed Hats on hand. Mrs. Clair White.

A Word to Farmers in This Section.

Get our prices first on your grain of all kinds. I pay highest market price and handle flour, Feed of all kinds. Let's deal together. F. A. Green.

Our Long and Successful

Business career in Smethport should be sufficient proof. We will as in the past continue in the future to sell you groceries at prices that will retain old trade and make new customers. F. W. Bowneil, Grocer.

Never Send Out of Town

for groceries until you get our prices. We can compete with anyone, anywhere. Make us prove it. Boost for Home Trade—it will pay. The Colegrove Grocery.

Housewives of Smethport.

Just simply insist on having your bread orders come from Home Bakers. Don't use any outside baked goods. It hurts the town. Try our products. You will like them better. J. W. Pickersgill —Bakery.

Get Our Prices First On

All kinds of Hardware, Paints, Oils, Chinamel, Guns, Ammunition and all kinds of Sporting Goods. You will find our prices and treatment right. Boost for Smethport and home trade. Bernard T. Garlick.

The Question of Buying.

at home largely depends upon Prices and Quality. You will find our large stock of general Dry Goods and Ladies Goods complete in every way. Get our prices first. Masser Bros.

All Furniture Looks Alike in

a photo. Never buy furniture from a picture. Get our prices and terms on your furniture we stand back of every thing we sell. Our prices will make you a home buyer. H. H. Sasse.

Never Send Away for Hardware

You will find our large assortment of Hardware, tools and farm implements of all kinds can be bought at Prices that will beat any catalogue House. We are boosters for Home Trade, buy at home it will pay us all. Chas. W. Masser.

RED CROSS NOTES.

Report of Supply-Service Committee.

The January shipment of hospital garments and knitted articles was an unusually fine one. Smethport Chapter, including Burbanks, D. A. R., D. of I., East Smethport, Coryville, and Farmers Valley workers are credited with the following:—

39 hospital bed shirts.
34 suits pajamas.
10 pairs operating leggings.
23 pairs bed socks.
9 hot water bottle covers.
64 sweaters.
36 scarfs.
41 pairs wristlets.
72 pairs socks.

Donated by D. A. R.'s.

2 pairs socks.
1 sweater.

Donated by Eldred Branch.

11 outing hospital bed shirts.
8 muslin hospital bed shirts.
6 suits pajamas.
2 T-bandages.
1 sling.
3 scarfs.
2 pairs socks.
1 pair wristlets.
5 sweaters.

Donated by Crosby Auxiliary.

3 T-bandages.
10 suits pajamas.
12 surgical hospital bed shirts.
5 pairs operating leggings.
7 pairs bed socks.
31 hot water bottle covers.
11 sweaters.
6 scarfs.
4 pairs socks.
3 pairs wristlets.

Total Shipment from Smethport Chapter from September to January.

262 sweaters.
226 scarfs.
177 pairs wristlets.
331 pairs socks.
8 helmets.
202 hospital bed shirts.
178 suits pajamas.
67 pairs operating leggins.
1 afghan.
155 hot water bottle covers.
67 pairs bed socks.
215 slings.
51 shoulder wraps.
56 T-bandages.
144 napkins.
17 tray cloths.
6 handkerchiefs.

Surgical Dressing Shipment not yet made up.

Prue C. Shattuck, Chairman.
Chairman.

Finance.

The Finance Committee held a meeting last evening and is perfecting plans for a campaign to raise funds for the local chapter. The details will appear in next week's paper and every one is urged to give the matter of giving to this necessary work, his most earnest consideration before the solicitors visit him.

Committees in Charge at Headquarters.

The following ladies will have charge at Headquarters on the day assinged: Monday, Mrs. James Nellis, Mrs. Amandus Engstrom, Mrs. W. S. Palmer, and Mrs. T. W. Camp.

Tuesday,—Mrs. T. H. Morrison, Mrs. E. T. Daly, Mrs. Alene Robinson, and Mrs. C. C. Choate.

Wednesday,—Mrs. J. Lee Eberly, Mrs. A. J. Hyatt, Mrs. Sue Burdick, and Mrs. Frank Potter.

Thursday—Mrs. G. H. Denning, Mrs. R. E. Burdick, Mrs. F. D. Gallup.

Friday—Miss Walsh, Mrs. Esther Burdick, Mrs. H. J. Ellsworth.

Saturday, —Mrs. C. B. Corwin, Miss Dora Keenan, and Mrs. Claude Heath.

On Monday afternoon, the D. A. R. Auxiliary work at Headquarters, on Tuesday, the W. C. T. U. and on Wed- St. Elizabeths

Social Events.

Mesdames C. W. Shattuck, T. H. Morrison, Fred J. Masser, and J. B. Eastman were the hostesses at a pleasant sewing party at Red Cross Headquarters on Friday evening. About fifty ladies were present, and considerable work was accomplished. Refreshments were served by the hostesses and each one present contributed fifteen cents towards the Red Cross Fund.

On Friday evening of this week, Mrs. E. T. Daly, Mrs. Flora Hogarth, Mrs. J. S. McCarthy, and Mrs. Mary L. Bisett will be the hostesses an a cordial invitation is extended to all workers to come and spend the evening. The admission will be fifteen cents.

Enrollment.

New members can enroll at Headquarters or with the Secretary at any time. There is a supply of buttons on hand at Headquarters for distribution to any new members who have not as yet received buttons.

Don't Forget these Things.

Do not forget that Tuesday and Fridays are the days that Mrs. Brenneman needs workers to make surgical dressings and that you are one of the workers that she needs. Bring your apron and head dress and "do your bit" in this essential part of the work.

Don't forget that Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays are the days to get yarn and return knitted articles. Make a memorandum of this and save yourself the trouble of an unnecessary trip to Headquarters.

Don't forget to keep on knitting and to knit up the yarn in your possession as rapidly as possible. Due to the scarcity of yarn no one can afford to keep any yarn out of use any longer than is absolutely necessary.

Do not forget that you are invited to come to Headquarters any afternoon to sew or work for as long or as short a time as you can stay or that arrangements can be made by any group of workers to work at Headquarters morning, afternoon or evening.

Burbanks and East Smethport.

It is pleasing to note the interest taken in the work of the Chapter by the various groups of workers and it would seem that their work is worthy of mention and commendation. While this work has already been included in the Chapter report, we are glad to record that the small group of workers at Burbanks made:

4 surgical shirts,
4 suits pajamas,
2 sweaters,
1 scarf
4 pairs wristlets,
11 pairs of socks,

during the month and that the East Smethport workers made:

4 scarfs,
3 sweaters,
4 pairs socks,
3 surgical shirts,
3 pairs leggins,
5 suits pajamas.

RURAL CARRIERS EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of McKean, Pennsylvania, to be held at Smethport, Port Allegany, Kane, and Bradford, on February 9, 1918, to fill the position of rural carrier at Smethport, Pa., and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blank may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

By Dictation

By S. Paquin

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There come moments in the life of every man when he stops and thinks. This does not mean merely that he gives careful attention to some problem of the hour, but that he takes a serious view of life as a whole; surveys it; analyses it; tries to riddle its meaning.

Such a moment had come to Harry Merton Really there was cause for him to view life with satisfaction but a close study of his face would have told any keen observer that he was not altogether satisfied. The day marked an epoch in his life—one on which his friends were dropping in now and then to congratulate him—for he had just been promoted to the position of general manager of the Western Star Fire and Insurance company, a concern in which he had climbed up from a start as office boy 15 years before

But as he viewed his progress in retrospect, his mind ran on something like this:

"Yes, I have done it. I have reaped the success I set out to win, but what does it amount to after all? It has been a long fight, and I have sacrificed a great deal to win it. Perhaps I have sacrificed too much. When I began as a messenger boy Jim Perkins had the start of me by a year. I have often smiled up my sleeves at Jim since I began to climb up past him. First special agent, then general agent, and now general manager, and poor old Jim is still at his desk as a clerk. But I reckon Jim is happier than I am for all that. I thought so yesterday when his wife came in with that pretty boy of theirs, just to see papa's new desk in the new office Somehow, it made me feel as if I were missing something that a man needs to make his life complete"

Then Merton's line of thought was interrupted. He had been standing beside his desk with his hands crossed under his coat tails watching the sign-writer who was putting gold letters on the windows of the company's handsome new offices. The sign-writer was marking the glass in letters bigger than those that spelled the company's name—"Henry Merton, General Manager."

"Here, my good fellow, that won't do," said Merton, stepping forward to the man's side "

"How will you have it, sir?"

"Just put that name in small letters and a little off at one side," said Merton quietly. "It will look better"

That was just like Henry Merton Few men in the business had more reason to pride themselves on the attainment of marked success, for he had made his way in the world unaided. But there wasn't a grain of vanity in him He was a modest, subdued, unassuming sort of a man. One would guess it by looking at him He was tall, shapely, handsome; but it was plainly to be seen that he was oblivious to his own comeliness as a man Vanity can be seen more readily in a man than in a woman.

This over, Merton began thinking again, his thoughts taking a new tangent, and one that surprised him

"I wonder if ambition is a selfish thing? I've done well enough in a business way, and have no one to thank for it but myself; but how many people are there who have anything to thank me for? There's Miss Travers, who is the best stenographer I ever had in my office She does more good in a month than I've done in fourteen years. She doesn't know that I know it, but the reason I raised her salary last month was because I overheard one of the other stenographers say she was supporting her younger brother in college She's a fine girl, too. It's a wonder some man doesn't marry that girl"

Then Henry Merton whistled as if to himself—a long low whistle. The very thought of some other man marrying Alice Travers had made him clinch his fists, but till that minute he had never thought of marrying her himself, or of marrying any other woman, for that matter.

In the next room Alice Travers, who had just finished transcribing a lot of letters Mr Merton had dictated to her in the morning, was writing a letter to her brother in college Strangely enough, it was full of Henry Merton It said:

"Dear Ted: You'll excuse me, I know, for writing to you on a typewriter; I can do it so much quicker and easier this way. We have just moved into the new offices and I am finely fixed. Mr. Merton has given me a nice little room to work in, all to myself, and I have nothing to do now but attend to his correspondence, which is quite enough, since he came to be general manager Really, he doesn't seem to have the swelled head a bit on account of it, and he's quite a young man, too; not more than twenty nine or thirty, I should say. He hardly looks happy, even.

"He has been very kind to me, and raised my salary last month, though I didn't ask him to That's why I send $30 this month instead of $25, and now I can do it every month. I like to work for him. He treats me more courteously than any man I ever worked for before. He has never called me by my first name, but always Miss Travers, and instead of telling me to do this and to do that, he always acts as if he were asking a favor when he has work for me to do.

"He seems a lonesome sort of man. I often wonder how he lives and what he does to enjoy himself—if he ever does enjoy himself. He is a hard worker and men admire him. I don't known whether he's married or not, but I don't believe he is, for no woman ever comes to see him at the office.

"But there; you'll know him probably some day. At least I want you to, when you get ready to go into business, for there's no man I would rather have you take for a pattern than Mr. Merton.

"Let me know how you are getting along, save what you can, for you will need a little to go on when you get through college in June. Write soon.

"Lovingly, Alice."

Henry Merton was not a man to delay matters. With him, a problem no sooner presented itself than he set about to solve it, and a decision to do a certain thing was always followed at once with the doing. While he listened to the click of Miss Travers' typewriter, which to him was music for a reason he had not realized before, he had reached an important decision—the most important of his life thus far—and he set about putting it into effect in a way that was thoroughly characteristic of the man.

He went into Miss Travers' room and seated himself in a chair he always occupied when dictating letters. He did not as some business men would have done, call her to his desk to take notes on a sliding shelf with no place to rest her arm.

"Miss Travers," he said, and she noticed a queer sound in his voice, "will you please take a letter for me—a letter to my mother."

"At last," thought Miss Travers, "I am to know something about Mr Merton. I never knew before whether he had a mother."

"You need not mind to take notes," said Mr Merton. "Just take it on the machine, for I shall not dictate rapidly. Are you ready?"

"Dear Mother. I have been so busy lately that I have had little time to write you, and now what I have to say will surprise you; perhaps pain you a little at first. Ever since I left home and came to this smoky, noisy town, you have been the only woman in the world who has really known me, or anything about me; and now I am going to get married—"

"Pardon me," said Miss Travers, with a slight blush. She had written the last word "marrdie" and had stopped to erase the last three letters and write them over. It was an unheard of thing for Alice Travers to make a mistake. With no sign of annoyance Merton went on:

"Though no woman knows me, I know a woman, and one whom I am sure you will approve as a daughter First of all, she is a lady. I do not know her people, but I am sure from her manner and character that they must be most admirable persons I am not a judge of woman's beauty, but I do not think you would call her a pretty girl. She is something better than that. There is a womanly dignity and sweetness about her that gives her a charm far greater than mere beauty She is not a girl, really, but a woman—a gentle, true, sweet woman.

"One thing I know you will like about her. She has a younger brother in college, and every month she sends him a generous part of her earnings, so that he may educate himself But you shall know her soon. As soon as we are married you must come and visit us. There will be no occasion for you to be jealous, mother. She will welcome you, I am sure.

"Her name, I have forgotten to tell you. Her name is Alice Travers—"

There was another pause here; but this time Alice Travers did not blush, but trembled slightly and turned a little pale. Then Merton went on:

"I have just asked her to be my wife, and she has answered—"

Here Merton rose quietly and stood beside the woman he had loved for weeks, but had not known it. She sat with fingers posed over the keys, as if waiting for him to finish the dictation.

"When you have finished the letter, Miss Travers," he said, "please bring it to me and I will sign it."

The minutes of silence seemed to Henry Merton like hours, as he waited in the next room for an answer. Then it came—four sharp clicks on the typewriter—y—e—s and a period.

There was a suspicion of moisture in his eyes and a warmth of something more than courtesy in his voice, when a moment later he looked up and said for the first time, "I thank you, Alice." Before it had always been: "I thank you, Miss Travers."

Three weeks later the men who had been accustomed to dine with Merton and play billiards with him at his club, after trying in vain for days to account for his absence, found the solution in a line in the list of marriage licenses in an afternoon paper. It read:

Henry Merton-Alice Travers..29-24

Answering Her.

"Dear me, that was terrible Man fell overboard in midocean the other day, and never was seen again!" said Hicks.

"Drowned?" asked Mrs. Hicks hysterically.

"Oh, no, of course not!" said Hicks irritably. "Sprained his ankle probably!"

Miss Todd's Mistake

By Clement E. Rudsten

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"Snub-nosed!"

"Freckled!"

"And homely as sin!"

"But we must pamper and coddle this dear ancient lady of ours on account of the shekels."

Miss Tabitha Todd gasped. Her hand fell away. She made a dash for the heartless tell-tale phonograph and shut it off.

"Outrageous!" she almost shrieked.

"Abominable!" she added and went to the mirror and surveyed herself. Yes, she was snub-nosed, and yes, she was freckled. As to her homeliness there was no question. Her faded old eyes filled with tears and her lips puckered.

"It isn't that I am that," she breathed brokenly. "It's the heartlessness of it, 'after my shekels!' Willis, whom I loved as an own son! Clara, who was to be a joint heiress! A shallow, faithless, undeserving pair of wretched schemers. Well, I am warned in time, thank goodness!"

It had all come about through her nephew, Willis Rand, and his wife, Clara, whose guest she was, leaving her alone in the house that morning. They had treated Aunt Tabitha like an own mother. So far her week's visit had attached her more than ever to this happy-spirited young couple, who, in the absence of any very material wealth, seemed to live and thrive on love and kisses.

Miss Todd bustled from the room, to reappear ten minutes later ready for the street, suit case in hand. She proceeded to remove the wretched record from the instrument She replaced it where she had accidently discovered it, way upon the plate rail She loved the phonograph, but had tired of those so often played records in the cabinet and had resolved to try this old one to while the time away.

"There!" she voiced tartly. "They shall never know how their perfidy came to be exposed."

Then Miss Tabitha Todd scrawled a few lines on a sheet of paper, left it on the table and flounced from that treacherous roof, on fire with indignation and resentment.

It was four hours later when Willis and Clara returned Willis was first to discover the note. "What in the name of wonder does this mean?" he ejaculated, and both, petrified, read:

"Do not ever speak to me, write to me, or even think of me again."

"Why!" gasped Clara.

"What," cried Willis. "Oh, Aunt Tabitha has gone crazy!" He rushed upstairs, to find her belongings gone Then he hurried to the nearest telegraph office and indited a wire to the home of their missing relative.

"Anxious. Clara worried to death. What has happened?" the telegram ran, but there came no reply.

Clara wrote the next day, but the letter, unopened and enclosed in another envelope, came back. Willis called up Aunt Tabitha on the long distance telephone, but as soon as his voice was recognized the irate old maid hung up the receiver.

"It's no use," Willis told Clara finally. "She has taken some perverse kink and won't be conciliated."

Miss Todd passed a desolate year in her lonely village home. Many a time a longing thought to see her discarded relatives intruded on her mind, but she banished it resolutely. She took in several cats as pets, superseded them with canine favorites, then in turn with canary birds and began to develop fads and eccentricities that aged and soured her.

One day Miss Todd was compelled to go to the city on business. She sighed drearily as she recalled the warm greetings a certain home had once held for her. She transacted her business and had to put in the afternoon as best she could, for there was no home train until late afternoon.

Finally she paused to read a billboard in front of a little bijou of a theater. It announced that "the English players" were to give a matinee that afternoon, program "the sterling old standard drama, 'She Stoops to Conquer,' preceded by the equally ancient, but famous skit, 'The Biter Bit.'" Miss Todd entered the theater.

The curtain rose. She was only indifferently interested, she fancied, but her mind aroused mightily as the curtain rolled up and a stage dressing room was the scene. A faded, bedizened queen of tragedy, powdered, roughed and furbelowed, was going on in her part and her obsequious maid and her husband were hypocritically flattering her as to her beauty and ability. But as she left them; behind her back they derided her through gestures and grimaces Then, the instant the door closed after the actress, the following colloquy ensued:

"Snub nosed!"

"And freckled!"

"Homely as sin!"

"But we must pamper and coddle this dear ancient lady of ours on account of the shekels."

Miss Todd came upright with a shock Why! those were the very words of the phonograph Then—hen— She breathed and thought fast. Enlightenment began to stream into her mind. She arose from her seat and went out into the lobby. She walked up to the ticket seller.

"Will you tell me, sir," she began—"the drama they are playing in it runs, till?"

"Two six, mum," passed the gentleman.

"Two—six, is it sir?"

"Two months, you silly," prompted of the native shire. "Yes, indeed, Miss, it was written over two hundred years ago. It is a great favorite with amateurs, school exhibitions, church entertainments, amateur clubs and all that, but never acted as it is in this country until—"

But Miss Todd had vanished. With speed, an excited, distracted creature, she reached the street. She hailed the first cab she met. It was old and shaky, but she did not mind that. If it had been an express wagon, in her present frame of mind Miss Todd would have engaged it had it then been going her way.

Miss Todd's way was the way to the home of the Rands. She was hating herself and pitying them all the way. Her eyes had been opened. She had now recalled that Willis and Clara had belonged to an amateur dramatic club. The colloquy she had caught over the phonograph was, of course, a record of their parts in the play they were to give.

Dear, persecuted children! How she had unjustly misjudged them! Could she ever forgive herself?

When she reached the little home once so dear to her, now so longed for by her repentent spirit, she found a moving van in front of it and two men carrying out a piece of furniture.

"What's this?" she snapped out.

"Seized for debt," vouchsafed one of the movers.

"Seized—debt!" almost shrieked Miss Todd. "What—how do you mean?"

"Just what I say Mr Rand went surety for a friend, who left him in the lurch. Lawyer brought suit, judgment. Rand and his wife are at his office now, giving notes for deficiency, for furniture doesn't cover full amount."

"Where's this hideous persecutor of my dear darlings?' quavered Miss Todd and after informing the man that the money would be paid at once to move nothing from the house, the energetic lady started for the office of the lawyer.

Money covered the sordid features of the occasion, tears, confession, reconciliation, smiles, kisses the pathetic element of the case.

Back in the old home Miss Todd continued to dwell upon the circumstances.

"And I am snubnosed," she insisted.

"Grecian-classic," declared Willis.

"And freckled."

"So is Clara, since she had to do her own washing. True sign of a fair complexion

"And homely as sin."

"What! you, the belle of the village when you were a girl! Tell that to the marines and some of the twenty odd young fellows whose hearts you broke by refusing to marry them"

And all this put Miss Tabitha Todd in fine humor.

"Well, there's the shekels, now," she pursued finally. "I'm going to divide them between you loyal two, provided you give me a home here for the rest of my days"

POISONOUS BITE OF FISHES

Attacks of the Octopus and Other Rovers of the Sea Are Explained by Pieron.

It used to be supposed that cuttlefishes suffocated crabs with their suckers and then tore them open with their beaks. But the method is more subtle, says Knowledge. In 1895 Krause showed that the secretion of the posterior salivary glands of the octopus was very toxic, and it was supposed that the octopus gave a poisonous bite. But Pieron has recently shown that the octopus at least does not bite the crab until after death. The paralyzing secretion is probably wafted into the crab with the respiratory current.

Similarly, in regard to bivalves it was thought that the cuttlefish forced the valves asunder by fixing suckers to each valve and then pulling in opposite directions. But Pieron has shown with cockles, mussels, scallops, and the like that the toxic juice first paralyzes the adductor muscles. In the case of the cockle the octopus breaks some of the teeth on the posterior margin of the shell, so that the salivary juice may get in more readily. After paralysis has set in force is employed, but it does not require much The secretion from the stomach of the starfish has apparently the same paralyzing action on bivalves.

Art Never Grows Old.

A great work of art is never old-fashioned; because it expresses in final form some truth about human nature, and human nature never changes—in comparison with its primal elements, the mountains are ephemeral. A drama dealing with the impalpable human soul is more likely to stay true than a treatise on geology, writes William Lyon Phelps in the Bookman. This is the notable advantage that works of art have over the works of science, the advantage of being and remaining true. No matter how important the contribution of scientific books, they are alloyed with inevitable error, and after the death of their authors must be constantly revised by lesser men, improved by smaller minds; whereas the masterpieces of poetry, drama and fiction cannot be revised because they are always true. The latest edition of a work of science is the most valuable; and in literature, the earliest

WANTED: A COOK

By Raymond Maxwell

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Julia and Arthur Van Tyne entered the holy estate of matrimony with high ideals. During their engagement they passed many happy evenings arranging the details of their future home.

The servants were to be treated with a firm, but mild kindness which was to reduce them to a condition of loving submission. Julia said that it would be very pleasant to be served always by the same faithful creatures, and she even went so far as to imagine Arthur's funeral when his bier would be surrounded by a group of white-haired servitors who would sob that they had lived with "Master" for 45 years. Arthur answered that if the servants did stay for 45 years that they would be most likely to call him "the old man," yet he was pleased with the idea. He was also to have the privilege of bringing home company whenever he wished His wife would receive them with a smile and then they were all to sit down to a simple, though perfect dinner.

The Van Tyne's built a pretty little houses with every modern convenience to add to the burden of their existence They had steam heat, electric lights, stationary tubs, dumb waiters, soiled clothes chutes telephone, burglar alarms at every window, hard wood floors, patent ventilators, and every other thing that the architect's fertile mind could suggest. When the house was finished and furnished their friends called it a "little paradise" None inquired after the serpent, but she was there—or rather not there most of the time. Her place was in the kitchen The serpent was nominally known as the cook

The first cook stayed two weeks, then quarreled with the second girl and departed. Another cook came, lingered for five brief days and then left because she said "thim convenyences would set her crazy inside of a month" Then cook after cook passed through the Van Tyne kitchen, pausing only long enough to kindle hope in the heart of Mrs. Van Tyne and then quench it.

When the little Van Tynes began to come to live with their parents the question became even graver. If the fourth little Van Tyne had been a raging lion instead of a sweet, pink baby, he could not have caused more misery. He made his mother lose a "jewel" who had been with her for over four months and who had promised to stay forever if Mrs Van Tyne would have a new porcelain lined sink put in the kitchen.

Arthur Van Tyne became a past master in the wording of alluring and misleading advertisements. He said that he expected to be arrested at any moment for obtaining cooks under false pretenses, but he gave full reign to his imagination. He always spoke of his family as "rather large, but quiet and easily pleased," while as a matter of fact the young Van Tynes were small but lively He knew to his misery now that "plain cooking" meant the ability to boil potatoes, fry a beefsteak and make weak tea, yet he always put it in his advertisement as a bait.

Then after he had spent a small fortune in "ads," he turned to employment agencies. One day while haunting the agency of Mrs Sarah B. Hackett he found a cook who said she could really cook and didn't object to small children She went home with him and put on her apron. The Van Tynes found that she could cook and then they waited patiently to learn her infirmity—for by this time they had learned that no cook is perfect. They found out that first evening

The weird, long drawn notes of an accordion came floating in from the kitchen. The Van Tynes looked at each other and smiled In his rash youth Arthur Van Tyne had said that he would never tolerate an accordion in his house, but now he only grinned foolishly as he listened to "The Georgia Camp Meeting"

The cook played the accordion in all her leisure hours, but the Van Tynes were too meek now to hint that they preferred another instrument. In this lull Van Tyne wrote to his parents, asking them to pay him a visit. "I want you to see our babies," he wrote, "so hurry up and come while we've got a cook."

A day or two before he expected them, Mrs Van Tyne ventured to tell the cook When she returned to the library she said: "We can't have your father and mother just now, Arthur."

"Why not?" he asked.

"Cook says that she doesn't like people staying in the house She don't object to 'mealers' once in a while, but she won't have 'sleepers,' because it makes so much fuss at breakfast."

Van Tyne said something behind his book, then added, "I suppose I'll have to telegraph them not to come. We can say we think Minnie's coming down with some disease, for I don't want to hurt their feelings. And it won't be any lie, either, for she'll catch something before the telegram's delivered"

Minnie's had everything but the Spanish measles and the small pox" her mother answered with sorrowful pride

"I thought she was well on, some kinds of measles," Van Tyne said. "Most every one does that kind—red, black, Germ-an and German. I do hope that all the children will have the last kind this winter; then we will be through."

"Van Tynes will invent a new kind hereafter. She won't ever be satisfied to say Minnie's have every kind of a child," Van Tyne answered. "Deborah, the children being sick—and our servants—my life isn't worth living any more."

But for a time all went well again. Then a month later Mrs. Van Tyne met her husband at the front door as he came home to dinner. She made a tragic gesture. "She is going to leave us, Arthur." "She" in the Van Tyne house always meant the reigning cook. "She has given me a week's notice. With so many children we'll never get another."

"We might murder the children and hide the bodies down cellar," Van Tyne suggested. "We could tell the neighbors that we had sent 'em out to the country."

"Arthur, how can you joke on such a subject? What can we do?"

"We might try boarding," he said, rattling some loose change in his pocket.

Mrs. Van Tyne frowned. "If we board, the children will get pert and horrid. I hate boarding house children. We shan't board."

"Then we might get a divorce and then I could marry the cook and make a home for the children. How does that strike you?"

"Arthur, I think you are horrid tonight. I'm sure we've always been happy together even if we have had troubles with the servants," his wife said "You might think of some plan, I think"

"That's the only one I can think of now," he answered, as he went up stairs.

Mrs. Van Tyne went into the library and laid down on the couch. She cried a little for she found that even Arthur was rather unfeeling, too, today. Her head ached and her thoughts seemed to waver

She could never remember exactly how the divorce was gotten, for her head seemed to ache always now, but she knew that she suffered horribly when she had to leave her children and her ex husband She kissed the children all around twice and told them never to forget her. The baby cried to go with her, but she unwound his little arms from about her neck and turned to Arthur. She only gave him a slight pressure of the hand for the cook was watching them from the dining room door. Arthur had never looked more dear to her than at this moment, but he only said carelessly: "Come and take dinner with us some day—any day after tomorrow. You know tomorrow is our wedding day," and he smiled at the cook.

The cook was dressed in a gown of blue and red plaid and she carried her accordion under one arm.

In some way poor Mrs. Van Tyne stumbled out to her cab. It was very bitter giving up husband and children, so they could have a home and some one to cook for them. But the hardest trial was yet to come After some time had passed, she met Arthur one day coming out of an employment agency. He looked careworn and seedy and tried to avoid his ex wife. But she caught his arm. "Why have you been in there?" she cried, pointing at the agency.

"To get a cook," he stammered, looking down at his rusty shoes.

"To get a cook—you married the cook!"

"Yes, I know," he answered. "But after we were married she said she was a lady because she had married a gentleman, and so of course she couldn't keep on cooking. I couldn't deny that I was a gentleman, so you see she had me. Logical, wasn't she?" He smiled drearily. "Besides, she is learning the banjo now, and that takes up a good deal of her time."

"How do you live then?"

"We are 'mealers' at the restaurant on Chestnut street."

"Has the baby cut any more teeth? Does he chew on his rubber ring?" she asked.

"I saw him chewing at the poker yesterday," Van Tyne answered, as he walked away.

She looked after him. He stooped a bit as he walked and had quite lost his alert, prosperous air She felt that all her sacrifices had been in vain. "And I don't suppose any of the children have on their winter flannels yet or—"

"Wake up—dinner is ready!" Somebody was shaking her shoulder. "Did I act like a brute?" somebody was saying. She opened her eyes. It was Arthur.

"Aren't we divorced?" she asked.

"Don't think so. Oh, I know what you mean—the cook."

Mrs. Van Tyne took hold of her husband's arm. "I had such a horrible dream about you and the cook being married and the baby's teeth. I can't get over it."

While the second girl was passing the soup the glad strains of the accordion came up from the kitchen by way of the dumb waiter "Katie seems happy tonight," Van Tyne said.

"Her beau has come back from Iowa," the second girl answered. "He wants her to be married as soon as her week's up He was the one that learned her to play so nice on the accordion"

Mrs Van Tyne smiled—if she had only known about the beau from Iowa before the dream "We must give her a wedding present," she said in her relief to find that dreams are not real.

"Yes," Van Tyne replied with a grin. "We'll get her a red silk plaited accordion set with mother of pearl with It is more Blessed to Give than to Receive' engraved on the plate."

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Following is an article reprinted from the MINER of June 3, 1915. It was written by the present editor of this paper and is not published in an "I told-you-so" spirit but merely to recall it to the minds of several people who poked fun at the writer after its publication, claiming that his suggestion was entirely uncalled for, "unneutral," etc. The article is: Why not start a military fad in this country. Let dancing, golf, baseball and amateur athletics as indulged in by the masses be retired to the background for a time and let the male portion of the country devote their attention to military drill, the manual of arms, the construction of temporary roads and bridges, the preparation and transportation of food and supplies for large bodies of men. For a time let us all be Boy Scouts upon a warlike scale. This suggestion is meant to cover only the time devoted to amusements by the average man. Learning to march and shoot is quite enjoyable when it is not compulsory, and almost every man enjoys camping in the open. Why not organize campaigns in each community with a man with some military training as instructor? This idea could be elaborated upon according to the means and inclinations of the members comprising the various companies. The movement should be started at this time for amusement only—the same as the dancing craze that swept over the country a few years ago, or the roller skating craze of thirty or more years ago. "With malice toward none," should be the watchword but let every man of military age play at being a soldier for his own enjoyment. Sea coast communities could devote their attention to the naval end of the game—and this playing at warfare could be made a great game. Rival team could indulge in sham battles and the various contests of regular soldiers. Every branch of the military service would be exploited and the general public would learn much that it does not know now of the life and duties of the country's defenders. There is no question but that the players at the war game would gain in health and strength besides having a lot of fun in mimic warfare. Of course if a necessity arose many trained men would be at hand to serve the country in grim earnest, but don't consider that part of it. Just make it a pastime in the place of other outdoor sports. The writer does not claim to be a prophet and must confess that he is much amazed that these lines written in the ordinary course of a day's work less than three years ago, could with slight paraphrasing be made to fit the deadly situation that exists to-day. However, one cannot help but regret that some such suggestion was not seriously adopted by the nation at the time the foregoing lines were written. If it had been so adopted and carried out with thoroughness the great world's war might be over to-day.

At least one paper in the county has come out with the statement that local option will be the paramount issue in this fall's political campaign in McKean county. This seems like an extremely premature conclusion. In this history-making epoch of events issues are liable to arise in a month or a week that will make the manner in which liquor is to be sold in Pennsylvania of relatively little importance. From all indications now the chief business of the county and of the United States next autumn will be the winning of the war, and every energy should be applied to bringing about that greatly desired result. If the liquor business is found to be interfering with the successful conduct of the war whether the abuse is in McKean county, in this state, or in some other state, the President of the United States has it in his power to stop an abuse. He can shut off the drinks of the whole nation or any unit thereof whenever in his opinion that action is for the best interests of the country at large. In spite of occasional mild criticism which are tendered in a good natured spirit the MINER believes that the President can be trusted to attend to the liquor business of the whole country in a wise and impartial manner. At this time it seems rather absurd to try to kick up a local tempest in a teapot about how booze shall or shall not be sold in Pennsylvania. The question is largely a matter of individual opinion and has been agitated in McKean county until practically every voter has his mind made up as to how he stands on the subject. The MINER believes that it is simply a waste of time and newspaper space to publicly argue this question any longer.

Some of the mild critics of President Wilson are endeavoring to impress the fact upon him that rhetoric, no matter how faultless, cannot win the war. However, they may be partly wrong. It is the intention of our allies to drop bombs containing Mr. Wilson's latest statement of our peace terms and war aims upon the heads of our enemies in Germany and Austria. This is the first instance of frightfulness the United States has sanctioned. Imagine the terrible fate of an enemy bound upon his nefarious business when one of the President's beautifully rounded sentences bounces off his "bean." Furthermore, this mode of warfare can be carried on indefinitely as air ships are being made by the hundred thousand; and as stating our peace terms and war aims is a favorite pastime of the President, the supply of ammunition is practically inexhaustable.

The newspapers of the country should start a space conservation campaign. While there is hardly a paper in the land but is ready and willing to contribute its space, liberally, for anything connected with the "win the war" movement there is no need for the promoters to spread their appeals into colums of type when the whole proposition can be stated in a hundred words. One instance observed recently was that it took five lines of type to tell the name of the particular organization making appeal. Because the space is free is no reason why it should be wastfully used, and earnest workers, who have the welfare of the newspapers as well as the country at heart, will "boil" these appeals into the shortest space possible without impairing the sense of the article.

There are many men in the Republican party who in mental capacity and in ability to do things stand far above many of the men who now fill public offices in Washington. It is unfare to the nation, unfare to the millions of soldiers who will have to risk their lives, unfair to the loyal ones who shall have to bear the agonies of this terrible war, to continue a purely Democratic Administration of public affairs, or to retain in office soldiers or civilians who have utterly failed to make good, when the whole nation is asked to give its best to the struggle. To do so any longer would be to lessen the power of the nation for the contest. —Manufacturers' Record.

The Woman's Suffrage Amendment has passed the House by a close vote. The amendment is listed to receive the attention of the Senate one week from to-day and friends of the measure are confident that it will receive favorable consideration from that body. Despite the eleventh hour flop of the administration from almost open hostility to favorable support of the amendment, the Republican element in Congress deserve whatever credit is due any one for its effort to give the women of the United States the rights to which they are justly entitled.

It is a source of much amusement to a great many people to pick the mistakes out of newspapers and far be it from us to interfere in their innocent amusement. But when for instance you see the statement that "Switzerland is 'farmed' for wild beauty," why give the editor the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps he did not write it that way. In other words— have a heart.

The selection of C. M. Colegrove as president of the borough council was a wise and commendable move on the part of that body. He is a man with the best interests of the borough at heart and his wide knowledge of affairs as well, as his technical training will make him of valuable assistance to the board in its deliberations.

A report under date of January 6th states that 1,000,000 rifles made in America have just been delivered to Russia. Here's hoping that they will not be used against the allies, and wishing that we had them for our own boys.

Red Tape might possibly serve as a bathing suit at Coney Island in the summer, but it makes poor winter clothing for a soldier.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

WAR DOGS AND CATS NEEDED

Bureau of Mines Can Use Great Numbers for Experiments With Gas Masks.

If you raised Fido to be a hero send him to the bureau of mines. And if there is a tom cat about the premises who shows signs of heroic qualities send him along, too. The bureau of mines is anxious to get canine and feline heroes right now. They can be devoted to a very useful purpose, one that may be the means of saving the lives of hundreds of American soldiers.

The bureau is using cats and dogs in experiments with gas masks that will be supplied to American soldiers at the front. Hundreds of animals can be used and the bureau recently sent out a call for more of them. In each case the animals are shipped at government expense.

The Yale Medical School at New Haven also is conducting experiments with gas masks and can use almost any number of dogs and cats.

Efficiency of Sammy's Kit.

It may sound strange to American ears, accustomed as they are to denunciations of our national unreadiness, says Leslie's Magazine, to hear that the American soldier's equipment is conceded by military authorities to be the finest of any army in the world.

Thus it is that Sammy will go to France (or to Russia or Mesopotamia or wherever the fates decree) carrying on his person the most complete, most adaptable, lightest, handiest and most thoroughly efficient living, working and fighting outfit of any soldier on earth, not excepting either our enemies or our allies. The personal equipment of the American infantryman (and we take the infantryman because he is both the backbone of the army and the bulk of it) represents American business efficiency and applied common sense in its highest practical manifestation. Each detail of every tiniest article, even the most insignificant strap or lace, is the result of scientific study and experiment. Some things about our army may not be above friendly criticism, but when it comes to the design of the individual soldier's outfit the United States army has no peer.

Motor-Driven Barges a Success.

A train of barges driven by motor traction recently reached the Regent's canal with loads of coal from the Midlands in England. These were the first motor barges to navigate the English canals for any distance, and the beginning of a development which the board of trade is watching with interest. In their journey of 150 miles from Cannock Chase to St. George's wharf, King's Cross, the motor barges navigated seven different canals, and managed all the locks with ease, leaving the horses on the towpath panting after them in vain. The motive power is a small motor driven by a mixture of paraffin and petrol. This is fixed to the stern, and can be transferred from one barge to another in a few minutes.

Cleaned Up for Nothing.

George's voluntary scrubbings were few indeed. In fact, he seldom washed his hands before a meal unless ordered to do so. When Uncle Matt was expected for a visit George was made to wash himself vigorously and comb his hair neatly. But Uncle Matt did not come and that night, walking up to his father, he said emphatically: "And all my cleaning up for nothing!"

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF CHARTER.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by Manufacture Gas Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience, evidencing the Commission's approval of an amendment of its charter, by the enlargement of territory within which the Company may produce, mine, purchase, or otherwise procure, store and transport natural gas for light, heat or power, or other purposes, and including all rights and privileges necessary or convenient therefor, so as to include all of the territory embraced in the Counties of Clearfield, Indiana, Armstrong, Clarion, Forest, Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Butler and Warren, in the State of Pennsylvania.

The public hearing on which will be held in he rooms of the Commission at Harrisburg on the 6th day of February, 1918, at 9:30 a. m., when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard if they so desire.

DAVID F. MITCHELL, Solicitor,
1002 Columbia Bank Bldg.,
adv.2w. Pittsburgh, Pa.

ESTATE OF ALMEDA NICHOLS.

Late of McKean County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

Letters of Administration c t a on the above Estate having been granted by the Register of Wills of said County of McKean to Sheridan Gorton of Smethport Borough in the County aforesaid, request is hereby made to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said Decedent to immediately make known the same, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent to make payment thereof, to the said Administrator, without delay.

SHERIDAN GORTON,
Smethport, Pa. Administrator c t a
695 West Main Street.
January 12th, 1918. advst

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SMETHPORT, PENN'A.

A FEW HOUSEHOLD HELPS - - - - -

The new Sprustex Oil Mop, is an excellent value at 75c and $1.00. Corresponds with others that sell for $1.00 and $1.25. Mops can be renewed.

THE SENSIBLE POT CLEANER.

Cleans pots, pans, and all other kitchen utensils, from grease or scorch without the use of soap or powder. Sells at 10 cents.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—The Red Cross Department will be found to-day on page three.

—H. W. Rubin and Son have an attractive offer in this week's advertisement.

—The Grange National Bank in a well written advertisement call your attention to important matters.

—Anderson and Carlson, the shoe men, tell you they can equip you for all kinds of weather, in a new ad today.

—Friends of Miss Zella Brasted, yesterday, threatened with pneumonia will be pleased to know that last night her condition had improved.

—Miss Carrie McGowan was operated upon at the MacGranor hospital in Port Allegany, Tuesday, for chronic appendicitis. Her condition is quite favorable at this writing.

—Masser Bros. White Sale starts Saturday next and ends February 2. See their half-page announcement on page 6. The price quoted will make interesting reading for thrifty people.

—All untaged and unlicensed dogs may now legally be shot at sight by any person whatsoever, and officers of the law are expected to kill such dogs as a part of their duty. This law became effective Tuesday.

—Because of an unexpected rush of work of all kinds the MINER finds it necessary to omit several interesting articles received this week. The communication from Cecil Metzgar promised for this week will appear in the next issue.

—Charlie M. Allen was detained in Olean this week as a smallpox suspect and physicians are satisfied he is suffering with that disease. He has wandered around this part of the country considerably, but no serious consequences are feared.

—Earl Lyman, a popular Smethport young man, who has been engaged in the garage business in Portville, N. Y. recently, as the junior member of the firm of Lyman and Martindale, has enlisted in the aviation corps of the U. S. Army and is now located at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

—Mrs. A. F. Bannon of Bradford, column, was a resident of Smethport, whose death notice appears in another together with her family, when Mr. Bannon was sheriff of the county a number of years ago. She made many friends during her residence here who sincerely mourn her deathh.

—Born, to Sheriff and Mrs. E. W. Jones, Wednesday, a daughter. This admirable family continues to grow which is as it should be. The sheriff and his estimable wife now have ten as healthy, intelligent and pretty children as there are in America; six daughters and four sons.

—One of the commendable acts the new borough council performed at the meeting last week was the selection of F. H. Biever as secretary. Mr. Biever is the right man in the right place and the newspapers of Smethport can testify that his work is promptly and carefully performed.

—An exciting game of basket-ball was the attraction at the Lyceum Friday night. Kane and Smethport put on the main event which was won by Kane after a struggle by a score of 37 to 19. Two girls teams played an interesing preliminary. A dance followed the tabletic events and was enjoyable.

—See B. T Garlick's ad—it's interesting as usual.

—Mrs. Curt Witherow is confined to her home by illness.

—Mrs. E. W. Workley entertained the Knitting Club at her home yesterday.

—Fry and Comes have something to say this week that will please careful buyers.

—Mrs. J. Clayton Backus entertained the Bridge Club at her home Tuesday afternoon.

—Miss Gladys DeHass is confined to her room, at Mrs. Sue Burdick's home, by illness.

—Don't fail to read the Buy at Home department which will be a feature of this paper for the next six months.

—Smethport was especially gay Friday evening with a basket ball game, dance and several social events on the program.

—The handiwork of our old friend Ross Knapp, now managing editor, manifested itself very noticeable in the Smethport Miner this week.—Eldred Eagle.

—William H. Morrison was recently appointed a tipstaff to serve in the McKean county courts. His long experience in court affairs makes him an excellent man for the position.

—Lindholm & Swanson, the ice dealers, finished filling their big ice houses last week. The ice is of good thickness and the work has been completed exceptionally early in the season.

—R. A. Cooper and family of East Smethport will move this week to Tupper Lake, N. Y., where Mr. Cooper has ccepted a position in the wood product plant in that town in which the Messrs. Hilton are principal stockholders. This estimable family have many friends here who will regret their departure.

—The MINER acknowledges the receipt of two pictures from Mr. L. Langan of Hazelhurst, showing his cousin, Charlie L. Sturtevant Co. C., 112 U. S. Inf., and Earl E. Sturtevant, 60th Co., U. S. M. C. Earl is in France now and Charlie is at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., They are a likely looking pair of soldier boys.

—Lieutenant Clayton Bissell of Kane, who is in the aviation service at San Antonio, Texas, fortunately escaped serious injury when his machine became unmanageable when 200 feet in the air Saturday and he was compelled to make a landing with the machine out of control. He was severely shaken and bruised and his lip and tongue were injured.

—The annual McKean county court calendar is being issued from this office this week. Prothonotary B. F. Starsky who compiles this remarkably complete and compact publication has been very careful to make it accurate, attractive and of a convenient size. The book is a complete directory of the legal and business machinery of McKean county affairs as well as carrying a complete yearly calendar with the court dates in red. It is bound in a two color cover. The calendar will be ready for distribution within a few days.

NOTE FROM REV. MR. PIHLBLAD.

Glenfield, N. D.,
Jan. 10, 1918.

Editor MINER:—I am enjoying the weather up here immensely. Expect to arrive in Smethport, Friday next week and conduct services in our church Sunday, Jan. 20th.

Have conducted services at several places here the last couple of weeks.

Sincerely,
G. A. Pihlblad.

—An interesting poem from Clermont is unavoidably crowed out this week. It will appear next week.

—The new government order in regard to fuel conservation will also close the schools throughout the country on Mondays in the opinion of those familiar with the terms of the order issued Wednesday night.

—Mrs. J. E. Walker and Mrs. T. W. Camp received a message this morning announcing the death of their brother, James Barber, who died in a hospital at Cleveland, Ohio. They left immediately for Cleveland. Harry Barber of this place, brother of James, was in Cleveland when the death occurred.

—Saturday night and Sunday last furnished some of the most severe weather of the winter. The wind blew a gale and early Sunday morning it is reported that thermometers registered 18 degrees below zero. The streets were a glare of ice and frozen water pipes the rule when people awoke Sunday morning.

—Miss L. H. Baker, the accomplished editor of the Democrat, had a birthday to celebrate this week along with manifold other duties. Perhaps her most welcome gift was the newspaper printing press for that establishment which has been "on the way" for several weeks Notwithstanding that this is her busiest of all busy days she found time to send the MINER force a liberal sample of delicious birthday cake.

—W. H. Covers, an income expert, will arrive in Smethport on Monday and will be stationed at the Court House until Thursday where he will be pleased to meet all those who are obliged to file income tax returns. The services of this government officials are free to the tax payers and all those who leave personal returns to make out should secure the assistance of Mr. Covers, especially hose who have never before made an income tax return.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Choate visited Bradford yesterday.

Mrs. Claire White was a guest of Olean friends Friday.

Harry Barber left Saturday for a visit in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Quirk will leave to-morrow for Buffalo where they will visit friends.

Mrs. E. E. Post of Olean and son Robert were guests of J. J. Johnson and family Monday.

A. J. Bond of Bradford braved the snow drifts with his car and made Smethport a brief visit Tuesday.

Miss Esther Swanson, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest to St. Petersburg, Fla., They left on Thursday.

Edward Griffin, returned from a trip to various points in Oklahoma. He has been Absent for several months.

D. M. Brasted visited his brother, E. J. Brasted at Kane this week and also made a business trip to Warren.

M. A. Colrin left Monday for Terra Alta, W. Va. after spending the holidays at the home of A. F. Rice and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Pomeroy returned Thursday last from a trip to Huntington, Charlestown, and Clarksburg, W. Va.

Prof. Entz was called to Condersport, Friday by the death of R. O. Wefling, county superintendent of schools of Potter county.

T. W. Camp, Scott Walker and M. M. Pomeroy departed Tuesday for Pittsburgh where they attended a glass manufacturers' meeting held in that city Wednesday.

Mrs. E. W. Long of Mt. Jewett was in town this week, called here by the illness of her little granddaughter, Betty, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Long. The little one is much better at this writing.

Michael O'Brien has returned from Hazelhurst where he was employed in the window glass factory. That factory in common with all similar plants throughout the country is shut down by order of the government to conserve fuel.

W. E. Wilson of Cyclone was in town Monday.

Ervin McCarthy has gone to Erie where he has employment.

D. M. Cooper of Westline was in town Monday and made this office a pleasant call.

P. S. Crossman has returned to Smethport after spending two weeks in State College.

Miss Bessie Engstrom returned to Buffalo Saturday after a visit with friends and relatives here.

Henry J. Rice departed for Washington, D. C., on a business mission. Mr. Rice expects to return Friday.

Robert Hull of the U. S. S. Iowa, after visiting his parents in Smethport, left Thursday for Norfolk, Va.

Ralph Rice has returned to Detroit, Mich. after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rice.

Mrs. Anna Marks of Bridgston, N. J., arrived in town yesterday called here by the death of her son, Lewis Marks.

M. A. Cohin anddaughter Mrs. Arthur Rice and granddaughter, Ruth and Vivian Rice were Olean shoppers Saturday.

Miss Adelaide Gallagher, one of the efficient teachers of the Smethport school, spent the week-end at her home in Davis.

Miss Marjorie Gleason returned to Smethport Thursday evening after having spent a week with relatives and friends in Indiana.

Miss Capitola Iddings and Mrs. O. H. McCarthy entertained a number of friends at the latters home Wednesday evening. Mrs. Iddings being the guest of honor the occasion being her birthday.

Mrs. P. Benkehoff and daughter spent several days in town the latter part of the week, enroute from Clermont to their new home in Bradford where Mr. Benkehoff has accepted a position with the Erie Rail road.

—Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kelvy of No. 139 Congress street have received word from their son, Robert, that he has enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Officers Reserve Corps, U. S. A. in Chicago.—Bradford Star-Record. Robert is quite well known in Smethport as in former years he was a frequent visitor at the home of his aunt, the late Mrs. N. H. Knapp.

DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE WOMAN.

This obituary notice reached the MINER a few hours too late for last week's issue.

Mrs. Katherine Patterson who resided at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. S. Stoddard at Hazelhurst, formerly of Eldred, died in the 79th year of her age. January 3, 1918.

She was born on a farm in Steuben County, N. Y., February 2, 1838. She was united in marriage to Duane Patterson, July 9, 1854. To this union there were born seven daughters and one son. One daughter and son died several years ago. There remain to mourn her death, Mrs. Joseph Field, Mrs. Geo. Sparks, Mrs. S. S. Stoddard of Hazelhurst, Mrs. N. B. Kimbell of Pittsburgh, Mrs. P. M. Hutchens of Bradford, Pa, Mrs. B. P. Hutchens of Rochester, N. Y., also sixteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

She was converted to the Christian religion over fifeen years ago. She passed away in the glorious hope of the coming resurrection.

The funeral services were held at the home of her daughter Mrs. S. S. Stoddard, Rev. F.S. Perkins of Eldred, officiating. Text Isa. 33:17. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off.

This esteemed lady will be greatly missed by those who knew her best.

Proved He Was a Driver.

"I left England a political slave; I shall return to it a free woman," remarked Mrs. Pankhurst recently at a meeting of Russian Suffragists.

"But," she continued, gravely, "it is not the possession of the vote that counts. It is the knowing how to use it." And in order to illustrate her contention she proceeded to tell the story of the pedestrian who had nearly been run over by a taxi.

"You don't know how to drive!" cried the angry man, as he brushed the mud from his clothes.

"Don't I?" cried the no less infuriated driver. "Here's my driver's certificate."

"I don't believe it's yours," was the retort.

"Not mine!" gasped the indignant driver. "Why, I bought it from a pal who's gone into the army, and paid him for it."

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I now have a full and beautiful line of all the latest shapes an styles in fall millinery, and it would be a pleasure to show this line of goods to one and all. Also a beautiful line of goods for young girls. Mrs. Carrie Clark.

Sale Ends Saturday Night

There are still a great many Bargains to be had before this sale closes. Every Department in this sore contains some articles that has been greatly reduced in price. It means Dollars and Cents Saved if you buy here Before the Store Closes Next Saturday Night.

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Coats and Furs at Reduced Prices.

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Sizes 7 to 13 Regular Price $5.75 to $10.75.

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Sizes 14 to 42, Regular Prices $10.75 to $26.50.
Several Trench Models in the lot.
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Our store has the most improved, the highest quality farm artillery for you—the kind that Uncle Sam requires.

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THE RELIABLE CLOTHIERS

Protect Yourself—"IT'S THE FIRST LAW" THINK

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Do you carry enough Insurance to make good your property loss in case of complete fire ruin, or, are you under Insured. This is a serious question most people decide after they are victims of FIRE LOSSES.

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Saturday Only---Raisins, two pcks. for 25c

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HERE'S A GOOD OFFER:—Include a pound tin of Ryzon Baking Powder in your next grocery order at the regular price of 35c and we will send you the handsome Ryzon Baking Book—90 pages—full of color illustrated recipes. If you are not pleased we will refund your money.

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HOGS UTILIZE WASTE GRAINS

Modern Farm "Cafeteria" Gives Pig Chance to Make Hog of Himself in Short Space of Time.

In these days when labor is high and also scarce on many farms the hog may afford "a way out." Hogs utilize refuse and waste grains, damaged grains, and garbage, garnering grain behind cattle or shattered grain in harvest fields, and utilizing slaughterhouse by products and dairy by-products They are also largely self-feeders The modern farm "cafeteria" gives a pig a chance to make a hog of himself more quickly than he can by the hand fed route, and it has the added merit of being the cheapest

Healthy and Vigorous Porkers

way of producing pork A sow when she is not developing a litter or nursing pigs can in summer time be placed in a pasture and given very little grain In winter, possibly the cheapest maintenance ration is a combination of grain and hay, such as corn wheat rye or barley and alfalfa, clover, cowpeas or soy bean hay The grain should be limited to one or two pounds per hundred pounds live weight per day. Sows should be given all the hay they will clean up.

MARKETING OF BROOD SOWS

Good Animals Sometimes Sacrificed When Little Forethought Would Cause Retention.

At this time the marketing of a sow that can be or has been bred is fairly comparable to 'killing the goose that laid the golden egg" Although the fecundity of swine is well appreciated by farmers, at times sows are sacrificed when a little forethought would cause them to be retained Breeding sows multiply five or six times as rapidly as other meat animals. They have an average litter of five or six pigs and may be bred twice a year although three times in two years accords more with current farm practice The litters increase in size, on the average until sows are five or six years old However a large proportion of the sows are sold after producing one or two litters and before they have reached the period of greatest productivity.

VALUE OF SILAGE FOR SHEEP

Reduces Cost of Raising Animal and Supplies Succulence, Palatability and Variety.

The addition of silage to rations for all classes of sheep reduces their cost and supplies succulence, palatability and variety Likewise, rotten, moldy sour or frozen silage should not be used Pregnant ewes should receive from three to four pounds per head daily during the winter This should be supplemented with two or three ounces per head daily of cottonseed cake and some hay After the lambs are born silage increases the milk flow of the ewes In the fattening of lambs and yearlings for market the cheapest gains have usually been made when silage constituted a part of the ration Rams winter well on silage as a part of their feed

HIGH QUALITY ALFALFA HAY

Very Necessary to Lower Cost of Carrying Brood Sow Through Winter; Feed in Rack.

Alfalfa hay of a high quality, which may be supplied in a rack, for brood sows is very necessary to lower the cost of carrying her through the winter. In the alfalfa hay we not only get a large amount of calcium which is so essential and which is deficient in wheat, bran, shorts and barley, but we get a large amount of protein of the right kind She must not be expected however, to live on alfalfa alone, as that is too bulky It should be supplemented with a small allowance of concentrates daily. This may be in the form of barley, wheat, shorts, etc., or better than those alone is a mixture of barley and shorts, for instance in equal parts.

FARM ANIMALS

CHARCOAL OF MUCH BENEFIT

Digestive Apparatus of Hogs Kept in Good Running Order—Make Use of Corn Cobs.

Charcoal is good for hogs. It keeps their digestive apparatus in good working order. Corn cobs make good charcoal when properly charred. On nearly every farm most of the cobs are allowed to collect in around the feed lots until they become a nuisance. Why not gather up these cobs and make charcoal of them for the hogs? It can be done in the following manner:

Dig a pit about 10 feet long, 8 feet wide and 3 or 4 feet deep. A larger hole than this can be made, depending upon the amount of cobs to be burned With some paper and cobs or kindling start a fire in the center of the pit and as it gets a good start add more cobs. Continue adding cobs until the pit is filled, then lay some old sheet-iron across the top and cover with earth to hold in the fire and smoke Leave alone for two or three days, then open and if the pit was properly made and filled, the cobs will have turned to charcoal This can be taken out, sprinkled with salt lime and copperas and placed where the hogs can get at it.

CARING FOR FARROWING SOW

Exercise Should Be Given and Corn Ration Decreased—Don't Feed Too Rich Ration.

Exercise the sow daily before farrowing Decrease the corn ration and increase the tankage rather than the middlings For 24 hours after farrowing do not feed the sow, or feed lightly Water should be supplied Care should be taken not to feed the sow too rich a ration More milk may be available than the pigs can take and milk fever may result.

After farrowing, the pigs should be given plenty of exercise, to prevent thumps Rails about the sides of the pen will keep the sow from lying on the pigs If colony houses are used a lighted lantern hung inside on very cold nights will help to keep the houses warm

BABY BEEF SIRE DESIRABLE

Farmer Cannot Afford to Use Any Other Kind in Strictly Beef-Producing Undertaking.

If you are engaged in beef production and raise your steers use a real "dyed in the wool' baby beef sire to make your business a profitable one You cannot afford to use any other kind of sire in a strictly beef producing undertaking.

There are just four breeds of cattle common to America from which real baby beef sires can be selected These are the Shorthorn Hereford, Aberdeen Angus and Galloway. The market wants meaty, blocky beeves, and sires of these breeds are the kind that produce this type because beef production has been bred into them for generations past.

The way to get a good baby beef sire is to buy one. Own your own bull if you have ten or more cows It is the

Champion Shorthorn Steer.

only way to be certain of results Buy from a reliable breeder, and if possible from a man you know. By all means be sure to buy from a man who maintains a disease-free herd

The better the sire you use the greater is the improvement which he will produce in your herd. Use one that is better than any other animal in your herd and in buying a new sire always get one better, if possible, than the last.

MINERAL MATTER FOR SWINE

Mixture of Charcoal, Slaked Lime and Small Quantity of Salt Is Desirable in Winter.

During the winter, when the ground is frozen, it is very desirable to provide mineral matter to hogs in the form of a mixture of charcoal, slaked lime and a small quantity of salt. This mixture can be placed in a box where the pigs can eat as much as they want. Soft coal dust can usually be had at a much lower cost than charcoal, and it seems to answer the purpose quite as well.

WINS AND LOSES ARGUMENT

Persistent Irishman Bragging of Lighting Pipe With Last Match, Puts It Out With Oratory.

Philosophy may be a wonderful thing for the classroom, but there's an Irish foreman on the subway work who will tell you in emphatic subway vernacular that it is wasted in construction work, muses a New York correspondent. It was after the dinner pail period when the foreman crammed his little old jay box full of terbacey and reached in his pocket for a match. There was none there. A canvass of his crew revealed one box of matches—the kind that occasionally light There were just seven matches in the box, and the foreman knew that he must get a light or do without his dessert. Carefully he shielded the first match with his coat as he struck. It fizzled. The second failed to give a spark. The third and fourth were equally futile, and the fifth and sixth sputtered only long enough to wring forth profane protests from the foreman. With excessive care he drew the seventh from the box To his delight it blazed up strong and with a gratified grunt, he lighted his pipe

"I was afraid I wasn't going to get the light at all," he told his men "That all goes to show that persistance is the thing, boys; stick to it is my motto. You see, if I had got mad" (and he gestured with his pipe to show what he meant), "I wouldn't have been smoking now from the best little pipe in the world. Take it from me, boys, you'll always win out if yer follow me" And then, while the crew sniggered meanly, he put his pipe back in his mouth to discover that it was out.

FISH PRODUCE MANY EGGS

Scientific Count Shows Perch 10.2 Inches Long Contained 30,480—More in Small Than Large.

Information concerning the number of eggs produced by various species of fish has been limited mainly to rather rough estimates

According to the Allgemeine Fischerei-Zeitung some careful counts were made last year at the Bavarian trout hatchery The first investigations were in connection with common trout and rainbow trout; 58 specimens of the former and 54 of the latter were stripped, and the ova counted. The older and heavier fish were found to have the most eggs (ranging up to about 3,000), but the younger fish yielded a decidedly larger number of eggs in proportion to the weight of the fish.

The experiments were repeated with perch (Perca fluviatilis), in this case the females just about to spawn being killed, and the ovaries being removed and dissected. The number of eggs in perch ranged from 3,710 for a fish four inches long up to 30 480 for one 10.2 inches long; but in this species, also, the number of eggs per unit weight of fish is much larger in small than in large fish.—Scientific American.

Curious School Customs.

Mexican schoolmasters show their appreciation of pupil's efforts in a curious manner. The diligent student is allowed to smoke a cigar during the lesson. When the whole class has given satisfaction permission is given for a general smoke, and even the little Mexicans are allowed to light a cigarette for the occasion. Needless to say, the schoolmaster himself smokes a cigar of a size and quality proportionate to his superior position. But the pupils are not allowed to drink, this privilege being accorded to the master only. On his desk he always keeps a bottle of liquor, which, when empty, occasions much dispute among the parents of his scholars, as it is considered an honor to be able to fill the schoolmaster's bottle

Cremation of Hindu.

Strange ritual marked the ceremony of the cremation of the body of a female Hindu on the banks of the Zwartkops river (South Africa). The body, in a coffin, was taken to the spot in a hearse, where it was removed from the coffin and placed on a pile of faggots, which had been built up cradle fashion ready to receive the body. Deceased's daughter then walked round the body three times with a burning torch and set fire to the pyre in several places. It took three and a half hours to cremate the remains, the ashes of which were thrown in the river. The coffin was also burned. Permission was granted for the carrying out of the above by the town council and the administrator.

China's Great Man Power.

Of the 400 000 000 persons in China, it is estimated that at least 40,000,000 are men capable of carrying arms or doing some sort of labor directly connected with the war Of this number, 2,000,000 are living within reasonable distance of transportation facilities and could be mobilized were it necessary. China has such an abundance of men that millions could be spared to the advantage of those remaining at home.

Superiority.

"Women are queer"

"Yes?"

"Mrs. Twobble has just returned from a trip to New York and merely because she stayed at a hotel with more dining rooms than the hotel usually patronized by Mrs. Jibway on her eastern trips can boast of she's inclined to look down on Mrs. Jibway."

SCRAPS

Silence is golden—as you will find if you want to buy it.

Woman school teachers in Philadelphia are allowed to marry while teaching.

In 1913 sugar refiners in America exported 28,000 tons of sugar, in 1916 almost 104,000 tons.

There are about 72,000 Chinese, about 78,000 Japanese, and 5,000 Hindoos in the United States.

A dog in Hennifer, N. H., in pursuing a hedgehog, climbed from limb to limb of a tree to a height of 40 feet. It took the help of three boys to get him down.

In 1913 almost 13,000 of the aliens who sought entrance into this country were excluded, and more than 8,000 who were here in violation of the law were sent back.

Green ink of the kind used in preparing Uncle Sam's bank notes, was patented in 1857 Its inventor was Stacy J. Edson. This ink is antiphotographic. Nor can counterfeiters move it with alkalies.

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50c white bastiste,	44c yd
30c shrunk cotton,	25c yd
25c shrunk cotton	21c yd
50c striped Gaberdine	41c yd
35c plain gaberdine	29c yd
25c pique	21c yd
25c mercerized poplin	21c yd
35c mercerized poplin	30c yd
25c cotton crepe	21c yd
25c serpentive crepe	21c yd
25c rippellette	21c yd

CURTAIN SCRIMS

15c for	12½c
19c for	15c
25c for	21c
29c for	25c
30c for	25c
40c for	35c

CHILDREN KNIT CAPS & SCARFS.

1.19 for	$1.00
1.25 for	$1.00
1.50 for	$1.35
2.75 Ladies Scarfs and Collars,	$1.98

All Gloves and Mittens 10 per cent. off.

BEDDING

Blankets at less than wholesale.
$1.50, $1.65, $1.75, $2.35, $4.25 cotton, Wool $5.25 and $6.75.

BED SPREADS.

1.50 for	$1.39
5.50 for	$4.98

TABLE LINENS.

$1.50 Linens	$1.39
$1.75, Linens	$1.59
$1.80 Linens	$1.65
60c Cotton Damask	50c
85c Cotton Damask	75c
$1.29 Cotton Damask	$1.15
$7.50 Linen Sets,	$6.75
$9.00 Linen Sets	$8.00

All napkins and towels 10 per cent off.

DRESSER SCARFS.

29c for	25c
45c for	39c
95c for	80c

CHILDRENS' SHOES.

24 pairs 6 to 8, $1.50 for	$1.35
24 pairs 8½ to 13, $2.00 for	$1.50

Very Special.

Children Grey Smoked Horse, $2.59 for	$2.49
Childrens' Brown Mule,	$1.35

10 per cent off on all Boys Heavy and Tan Shoes.

Here is another record breaker. Do not miss it.

CHILDRENS' MISSES AND LADIES' ARCTICS.

$1.30 for	$1.39
$1.75 for	$1.59
$1.90 for	$1.75

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

25c Corset Covers,	21c
29c Corset covers	25c
50c Corset Covers	42c
59c Corset Covers	49c
75c Silk Camesoles,	69c
79c Muslin Gowns	69c
$1.00 Muslin Gowns	89c
$1.25 Muslin Gowns	98c
$1.50 Muslin Gowns	$1.39
$2.25 Muslin Gowns	$1.98
$3.75 Muslin Gowns	$3.19
30c Muslin Drawers	24c
29c Muslin Drawers	23c
50c Muslin Drawers	42c

COMBINATION SUITS.

$1.00 Teddy Bear Suits	89c
$1.50 Teddy Bear Suits	$1.39
$1.75 Teddy Bear Suits	$1.59
$2.25 Teddy Bear Suits	$1.98
50c Brassier	40c
$1.00 Brassier	89c

ALL RIBBONS 10 per cent. OFF.

SILK AND WOOL CREPES.

Pink, Blue, White and Yellow 59c for 49c

SPECIAL PRICES.

36 inch White Wool Voile.

$1.00 yard for	59c
$1.00 yard striped Mohair	69c
$1.25 white Serge	$1.00
$1.00 figured Molmir	59c

SHOES.

All Ladies Shoes $5.50 up 10 per cent. off.

Lace Shoes.

Entire Stock $1.98 at	$2.50

Do not miss this, they are less than cost.

LADIES AND CHILDRENS COATS.

Special Lot 98c each and up, Look them Over.

All New Coats 25 per cent off.

Dress Skirts just received all new goods.

House Dresses and Aprons 10 per cent Off.

MUSLIN

15c yard wide for	13c
17c yard wide for	15c
19c yard wide for	16c
47c 9-4 Sheeting for	42c
33c 42 inch Tubing	30c
35c, 45 inch Tubing for	31c
56c 9 - 4 unbleached sheeting	50c

PILLOW CASES.

22c size 45 x 36 for	18c
25c size 45 x 36 for	22c
30c size 45 Emb. for	27c
$1.75 sheets 81 x 90 for	$1.60
$1.19 sheet 81 x 90 for	$1.05

PERCALES.

19c percales	17c
21c percales	19c
25c percales	21c

GINGHAMS

Bates and Toiles—While they last 19c. New prices will be 25c after the sale.

WHITE OUTING.

32 inch while it lasts 18c, 22c value.

HERE ARE REAL VALUES AT TODAYS PRICES.

All Rugs 10 per cent. off. A big line to select from also linoleum and lace curtains 10 per cent. off.

WAISTS

1 Lot Waists	49c

Extra Value.

$1.25 Waists	98c
$1.50 Waists	$1.35
$1.50 Jap Silk	$1.25
$1.75 Jap Silk	$1.50
$4.25 Georgette Silk	$3.75

Also Crepe de Chine.

$6.00 Georgette Crepe	$4.98
A few pairs Ladies Alaska Fleeced Rubbers $1.25 for	98c

Call British Tanks "Willies."

During the summer of 1916 an enemy agent, trying to tap the wires in England might have been mystified to pick up such messages as: "Twelve Willies reach you today," or "Send tails for six females," writes Col E. D. Swinton in the World's Work. "Willie," a pet cognomen adopted as suitable for the telephone and obviating the use of a code for telegrams, was suggested by the fact that the first experimental "Landship" completed, though equally malevolent, was smaller and less powerful for evil than its immediate successor, eventually the type adopted. When the two creatures were together they gave the ludicrous impression of being child and parent of a monstrous and evil brood. Hence, naturally, "Little Willie" and "Big Willie." The "Big Willies" were also somewhat unbiologically classified as males and females, according to their armament. Incidentally, to help to conceal the destination of the tanks at the stage when any illusion as to their purpose was precluded, they were painted with the inscription, "With Care. To Petrograd," in large Russian characters.

England's Need.

Howard E. Coffin, who is standardizing the American airplane, said to a correspondent:

"Standardization is the modern efficiency method. The Germans have standardized their submarine. England is a great country, a brave country, an unconquerable country, but England needs standardization.

"When an Englishman wants to say that a check is 'for deposit only' he doesn't write that on it. No, that isn't the English way. He writes '& Co.'

"A Cambridge professor once explained to me some of the terms used at the great English university.

"He said 'full term' means three-quarters of a term. 'May week' is the first two weeks in June. 'General admission day' is the day everybody leaves. An 'ordinary degree' is one obtained by a special examination, and an 'arts inspector' is an arts students."

Foxy Jack.

Edith—Oh, Jack told a dozen girls he loved them before he proposed to you. Ethel—Well, that's all right. When I spoke of it he told me they merely represented steps in his progression to his present ideal.—Exchange.

A Well Hated Landlord.

The most hated landlord in Ireland for the last 100 years, a miser known as "the parsimonious peer," was Hubert George de Burgh Canning, marquis of Clanricarde. He was unmarried, and with his death the marquisate became extinct. His Irish estate extended from Athenry, in Galway, to Wexford, twenty miles southeast, and it was said that anywhere along this route could be obtained a story of tragedy in the land war. Time and again the aid of the forces of the crown in evicting tenants had been refused. He was never seen in a vehicle. He took daily walks to Regent's park. There, on a public seat, not one of the chairs, for which he would have been charged a small fee, would sit this owner of 60,000 acres watching the squirrels. He was a noted collector of china and pictures, of which he was a wise buyer.—Chicago Journal.

According to Degree.

Horse breeding is an occupation which requires much learning, and a certain English farmer has a great reputation for his skill.

A neighbor of his who sought some advice on the cheap, asked the horse breeder's son one day:

"I say, Tommy, when one of your father's horses is ill what does he do?"

"Do you mean just slightly ill or real bad?" was the lad's cautious counter-question.

"Oh, seriously ill."

"Well," said the boy, "if a horse is only just a little ill, dad gives it some medicine, but if it is seriously ill he sells it."

Sacrificed Their Hats.

Many years ago the master butchers of Washington market, in New York city, used to kick their hats about the market at the close of business on Saturday night. Under the custom in the market it was considered a slighting of the profession for any butcher not to appear behind his counter with a high hat, and it was thought bad taste if the meat seller at the end of a prosperous week failed to destroy the hat. The apprentice butchers couldn't afford silk headgear and so used to gather up the broken hats and repair them for their own use.

Cynical.

Slane—So you believe in signs, eh? Well, when a man is always making new friends what is that a sign of? Slane—It's most likely a sign that his old friends have found him out.

Five Great Men In History.

In the generation that saw the birth and the earlier years of the republic five men stand out—George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and John Marshall, says James Bryce in the Youth's Companion. Whether or not the last four of them were great men in the full sense of the word is a question on which people were not agreed in the lifetime of those four and are not agreed today; but everyone felt then as everyone feels now that Washington was great. He is a world figure. In mere intellectual power he was not superior to the other four. He had less originality and a less wide range of capacity than Franklin, less versatile activity of mind than Jefferson, less brilliant gifts for constructive policy and the exposition thereof than Hamilton, less logical grasp and penetration of thought than Marshall; but he rose superior to them all in a certain massive strength of character, in stately dignity, in a calm firmness of purpose that neither the smiles nor the frowns of fortune could divert from the course his judgment had approved. So his primacy was undisputed then and has remained undisputed ever since.

Japan Is Exporting Pulp.

Japanese imports of pulp have encountered obstacles, but, according to the Japan Chronicle, it is believed that the stocks held by paper manufacturers generally are sufficient to last until the end of this year, while the domestic manufacture of pulp, stimulated by import difficulties, has appreciably developed. As a result, efforts are now being made by some merchants to export home-made pulp.

The Chronicle states that this is not to be the disadvantage of those paper manufacturers who are suffering from the scarcity of imported pulp, for what they essentially want it not yet producible in this country. It finds that there is no excessive domestic pulp that is exported.

Our Army of Civil War.

During the first year of the Civil war the number of the regular army rose to 32,000. Lincoln's first call for volunteers, April 15, 1861, was for 75,000 men for three months. At the beginning of 1862 the number of volunteers in the field was about 550,000. During the next three years it was about 900,000. At the close of the war the Union army numbered 1,000,000 men. The total number of troops furnished was 2,950,000 men.

AUDITORS' REPORT OF KEATING TWP ROAD FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Audited at Hamlin Bank December 22, 1917
Smethport, McKean County, Penna.

Receipts.

Balance from last Auditors report (cash in bank)	535.07	
Amount received from Coll. Farley, 1911 Taxes	220 31	
Amount received from Coll. Farley, 1915 Taxes	462 34	
Amount received from Rice on 1916 duplicate	1019 73	
Rice being over paid on 1916 taxes and credited to his 1917 tax collections	32 55	
Amount received from Coll. Rice on 1917 Duplicate	4782 36	
Amount received from State Treasury Department,	1900 32	
Amount received from County Treasurer Potter	1269 07	
Amount received as loans from Hamlin Bank	400 00	
	10653 75	$10653 75

Credits

By Paid Labor, Fred Dixel	$269 45	
By Paid Labor C. H. Curtis	605 18	
By Paid Labor J. D. Abbey,	200 61	
	$1234 24	$1234 24
By Paid Team Work, Fred Digel,	$504 80	
By Paid Team Work, C. H. Curtis,	799 20	
By Paid Team Work, J. D. Abbey	406 00	
	$1710 00	$1710 00
By Paid Road Masters Fred Digel	$315 63	
C. H. Curtis,	327 50	
J. D. Abbey,	232 50	
	$875 63	875 63
By Paid Traction Engine Fred Digel	$450 00	
C. H. Curtis,	390 00	
	$840 00	$840 00
	$4659 87	$4659 87
By Paid for New Building to house Road Roller Labor	$67 75	
Team Work	12 25	
	80 00	80 00
By Paid for Printing and Auditing	77 25	
By Paid for Collectors Fees	199 96	
By Paid for Attorneys Fees	138 91	
By Paid New Road Machine	1508 39	
By Paid for Secretary and Treasurer's Salaries	162 98	
By Paid for Freight and Drayage,	12 09	
By Paid for Water Troughs	48 00	
By Paid for Coal and Fuel	24 00	
By Paid for Rent of Land, for Building housing Road Mch,	10 00	
By Paid for Compensation Insurance	75 44	
By Paid for Bridges and Stakes	1302 80	
By paid for Blacksmithing	6 20	
By Paid for Supervisors Attending Convention	6 00	
By Paid for Debt and Interest	211 14	
By Paid for Stationery, Telephone & Office supplies	5 36	
By Paid for Gravel and Sand,	6 23	
By Paid for Lumber	413 89	
By Paid for Hardware,	199 83	
By Paid for Auto Hire,	7 00	
By Paid for Loans from Hamlin Bank	753 68	
	$5215 81	
To Balance, Amount in Hamlin Bank,	784 07	
	$5999 88	$5999 88
		$10659 75

Coll. Farley in account with Keating Township

Dr.

To amount due on 1914 Taxes	264 31	$264 31

Cr.

By amount paid to Treas D. E. Curtis on 1914 taxes	$260 31	
By amount of Exonerations	4 00	
	$264 31	$264 31

Dr.

To amount due on 1915 Duplicate Taxes,	$475 00	$475 00

Cr.

To amount paid on 1915 Taxes,	$462 34	
To amount of Exonerations,	12 75	
	$475 00	$475 00

H. J. Rice Collector in account with Keating Township.

Dr.

To amount due from Coll. Rice on 1916 Duplicate	$1093 87	$1093 87

Cr.

By amount paid on 1916 Duplicate,	971 17	
By paid 5% penalty added to tax payers	48 56	
By amount of 1916 Exonerations	136 25	
	$1126 42	
To balance, less amount over paid on 1916 Taxes and credited to his 1917 Tax collections,	32 55	
	$1093 87	$1093 87

H. J. RICE, Collector, in account with Keating Twp.

Dr.

To amount of 1917 Duplicate,	$5904 39	$5904 39
To amount of 5% penalty added to tax payers after Oct. 1, 1917	48 88	
	$ 5953 27	5953 27

Cr.

To amount allowed by exonerations	$ 36 25	
To amount overpaid on 1916 tax collections and credited to his 1917 tax collections	32 55	
To amount on 1917 duplicate paid	4778 03	
To amount of 5% discount allowed to tax payers to June 1, 1917	206 56	
To amount of 5% penalty added to taxpayers after October 1st, 1917	9 88	
	$ 5059 72	
Amount due from Collector Rice on 1917 tax duplicate	893 55	
	$ 5953 27	5953 27

Liabilities of Keating Township

Outstanding Bond,	$1500 00
Outstanding orders,	333 11
Loans from Hamlin Bank	900 00
Amount of notes payable as per contract for road roller	2000 00
	$4733 11

Resources

Amount due for use of Road Roller,		42 00
Amount due from Collector Rice on 1917 duplicate including 5% added taxpayers after Oct. 1, 1917		893 55
Amount cash in Hamlin Bank		784 07
Amount due from Co. Treas. Potter on 1916 road duplicate		19 30
Amount due from Co. Treas. Potter on 1917 duplicate		1023 83
	$ 2962 87	
Liabilities in excess of resources	1770 24	
	$4733 11	4733 11

Keating Township have on hand one road roller valued at $2500.00. If sold, the cash would be considered a resource.

We the Auditors of Keating Township having examined the accounts of Collector A. G. Farley and Collector H. J. Rice and B. E. Curtis Treasurer of Keating Township, do find them as above stated.
And herewith attach our hand and seal.
F. E. BROCKHAM.
CHAS. T. FREDERICK.
Auditors.

Hamlin Bank, Dec 22, 1917

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made upon The Public Service Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Lessee of the Western New York and Pennsylvana Railroad Company, for a Certificate of Public Convenience evidencing the Commission's approval of the abolition of a crossing, at grade, by a public highway known as State Highway Route No. 210 over the tracks and right of way of said company, south of Larabee Station and the substitution of a new road in lieu thereof, in Eldred Township, McKean County Pennsylvania.

The public hearing on which will be held in the rooms of the Commission at Harrisburg on the 24th day of January, 1918, at 9:30 a. m., when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard if they so desire.

C. H. Bergner,
J. E. B. Cunningham,
Spencer Gilbert Nauman,
Solicitors, Pennsylvania Railroad Company. adv2w.

Daily Thought.

All things are literally better, lovelier and more beloved for the imperfections which have been divinely appointed, that the law of human life may be effort and the law of human judgment mercy.—Ruskin.

COUNTY NEWS NOTES

ITEMS FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS TELLING NEWS OF THE WEEK

CLERMONT

Lively Batch of News and Some Good Natured Joshes.

Some of you married men have another guess coming. Be sure that you're right next time, and please blame someone else next time.

After placing several orders Hon. H. H. Hafner has at last received his candy.

Mr. B. Jacobson was a Smethport visitor Monday.

Mr. W. E. Ringrose was a business visitor in Olean Monday.

Mr. Henry Altimore of New York was a visitor in our city Monday.

Will someone come and tell us what was the attraction up at the Shawmut station Friday night? Two certain young men were up there quite early.

We wish that two of our young ladies of this town would quit staring at newcomers. Girls we would like to have visitors once in a while at least.

Mr. David Schleiff and mother were Smethport callers Monday.

Miss Rose Ford returned home after visiting relatives in Groveland.

Mayor Casey's secretary was a Clermont visitor Thursday.

Please Roy don't send blankets to Peter, and don't anyone send them to Roy.

Frank Everett was a St. Marys visitor for few days.

If the governor makes any more complaints about shortage of labor at the Hog Island Shipyards and with the help of the North American we hope that this object of delay will soon be remedied. At any rate some of the patriotic appeals of the above mentioned paper have affected Frank Smith of our city and we hear that he is going to leave shortly. Watch you Hog Island Carpenters. Here comes the man with the "Iron Fist" His many friends wish him success, and the government may look forward to plenty of ships in the very near future.

Mr. Ed Johnson of our city has bought the home of Mrs. Schlieff. He is a staunch believer of Preparedness. We all have reason to wonder who is going to be the lucky one.

Mr. W. A. Hovis was a Bradford visitor last week.

Paul Lyon was in town for a few days last week.

The Mt. Jewett road must be blocked. We haven't seen a Ford in town for a week.

We hear that Mr. Jacobson is going to rent the Clermont House. Wonder what the price of perfume is going to be.

Mrs. Margaret Flick was in Smethport Thursday.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Miss Ellen Anderson last Thursday.

The Philadelphia Flyer went thru here Wednesday. That couple of the Swedish porch "Rep" were much disappointed when it didn't drop a Pullman. It would be very nice in this weather. Curiosity makes people ask questions.

HEADLINE:—James Ross hurt his Knee. He got rid of that club and bought a dog. "Safety First" The hands get cold this weather. Do they Jim? Tell us.

The Catholic Sewing Circle met at the home of Miss Mary Keating Wednesday.

Mr. Edward Ryan left for his home in Olean after spending a few days with friends here.

Say Vernon, whats the matter with your arms? They were very weak one night at Crosby. Wada Smith is still limping.

Mayor Casey was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherow were visiting the latters parents for a few days.

Mr. James DeStefino was a visitor in Bradford last Tuesday—also Smethport. Now Jim! You're going away too often. Doesn't the war tax on tickets affect you? Anyway whats the attraction? We want to Know.

The Monday night Club had a chicken prety Monday night.

Mr. Peter Benninghoff left for Bradford where he has a new position. Mr. Jas. DeStefino was to be the successor — by reports.

Say Mr. Hovis—Hereafter when you treat, and Roy is on hand, buy him a Lolly-Pop or a Lozenge, so he don't go away broken-hearted. Don't you know Mr. Hovis that its hard to have a broken heart, sometimes.

Where are the boys going to spend the nights when Dave leaves for the "Granite State?"

How about it Mike? Can you talk "Svenska" yet ?

When Lewis Rizzo went to Buffalo a few weeks ago, he was complaining of a taxi driver charging him a dollar for driving him a couple blocks. His return trip was on the trolley car. He says he stopped at McLeod's Hotel and went to a show. Say Lewis the whole town does sympathize with you —but such is life in the city.

Who says that this weather don't make wheeling? Tony says that its all right but unfortunately his car isn't in running conditions at present. Well Tony its too bad.

This zero weather must effect some of our young ladies. They don't seem to be out as much as usual. Why?

Where does Jean wander off these lonely evenings? Go someplace where its warm Jean and you won't get cold.

Whats the matter boys don't you send any more cards, have bought an album for the purpose, so don't be slow, or have taken the hint that was in these columns last week, and have started to economize on shoes?

Several young ladies of our town got diamonds for Christmas. What next?

Miss Ebba Hagman was home for a few days last week.

We didn't know until lately that we had expert dog trainers in our city. However they could enlist in the Red Cross to train dogs for war work. Of course the training there applies to head work and not leg Work. So act accordingly boys.

Whats become of the "Jazz Band"? We notice that they havent given any dress parades of late. Are you waiting for new selections or a state wide "Rep?"

Roy seems to wonder who the two young ladies are that pay him a visit every Sunday A. M. Why Roy—you know.

Whats become of our old dancing teacher. Many of his old scholars miss him. Or say Burt are you tuning up to some of the latest dnces for the benefit of those pupils?

We don't seem to miss Tony as much as last summer. Must be the weather.

Well boys when you blame. Don't mention names.

CROSBY

Fell and Cut His Head—Red Cross Doing Great Work.

Mr. John Walters is a Buffalo visitor this week.

The Crosby Gas Co. had the misfortune to lose one of their horses this week.

Mrs. N. G. Marsh is confined to the house with rheumatism.

Earl Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ryan, had the misfortune to fall and cut his head open.

Last Sunday the weather was so severe we had a small crowd at Sunday school.

The Red Cross are certainly doing a splendid work in Crosby their last shipment contained "knitted" Sweaters, 6 scarfs, 4 pairs socks, and 2 pairs wristlets—Sewing 10 suits pajamas, 12 surgical shirts, 51 hot water bottle covers, 7 pairs socks, 5 pair surgical leggins and 31 bandages. Pretty good for the little town of Crosby. "Eh?".

John Troy of Olean was a Crosby visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas and son, Clyde, of Emporium are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry German.

FARMERS VALLEY

Hope to Have a Loading Station—Roads are Well Broken.

Certainly the New Year has furnished us with some old fashioned winter weather. Poor excuse for the man who hasn't a full ice house this year.

Mr. Chester Young is not improving as fast as his friends wish for him.

Many farmers and families are expecting to attend the Farm Bureau meeting at Smethport.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird Davis were in Roulette Friday and Saturday, called there by the death of Mrs. Davis' sister.

Several Farmers were up to Smethport on Wednesday Jan. 9th to attend the meeting in the interest of the dairymen. It is hoped that a loading station may be located in the vicinity.

Sanford Decker is among those suffering with the grippe this week.

Mrs. Wm. Swort returned Wednesday from a three weeks visit in Elmira and vicinity.

Mr. B. W. Richmond was an Olean visitor Wednesday.

The roads are well broken regardless of the weather, because of the chemical wood being drawn from Stoddard Hollow to Coryville and the bark from Wolf Run to the station.

Rita Roeder was home over Sunday.

Mr. Ranson Chadwick was the guest of D. W. Derby over Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Grover has moved into the Dan Derby tenant house.

Ladies Aid is to meet with Mrs. Richmond Thursday. The sewing will be for the Red Cross as usual, we are glad to report that the knitted garment promises to more than double the shipment of last month.

LARABEE

Has Gone to Detroit—May Pressers Are Busy.

Rev Chas Harris, Jr. of Port Allegany celebrated Holy Communion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Raszmann last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. F. C. Crandall of Hinsdale, N. Y., was a visitor in town, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard App spent the week-end with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stives of Barnum.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes of Sartwell were Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jones.

Timothy Phalen of Newell Creek was a business visitor in town last Friday.

Mr. Joel Tomer left here Saturday morning for Detroit, Mich. to visit her granddaughter, Mrs. Warren Hart. She was accompanied as far as Buffalo by her granddaughter, Miss Nina Lee Carpenter, and Mrs. E. V. Ellison.

Frank Raszmann was on the sick list last week.

Floyd Averill, the Prudential Ins. Agent, called in town Monday, a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens of Mt. Alton and Miss Lena Stives of Barnum are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard App.

Mrs. F. A. Moore of Coryville visited her siser, Mrs. Eros Carpenter, last Thursday.

Mrs. Kate Freeman and daughter, Miss Helen, of Smethport, are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raszmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frank, of Eldred were visitors in town Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Billiard and children were over Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vaughn, of Eldred.

Mrs. E. V. Ellison of Olean spent Friday night with Mrs. Eros Carpenter.

Miss Margaret Raszmann of Emporium was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raszmann.

Samuel Green of Smethport bought and pressed E. C. Hubbard's hay last week and loaded it in a car for shipment at Sartwell.

Eros Carpenter was a business visitor at Sartwell, Friday.

Miss Alma Anderson was an Olean visitor, Saturday.

Richard Richie of Bradford, Pa., was a guest of his uncle, J. T. Johnson last week.

Claude Hayes of Brocton was a recent visitor of relatives here and at Sartwell.

ELDRED

Water Plant News—Getting Back at Smethport—Broke His Leg.

As mentioned last week, the Galeton-Eldred Water company was placed in the hands of a receiver, on December 27th, the Coudersport Trust company acting as trustee. They will operate the plant, with Rodger Harvey of Coudersport and H. H. Hosey of Brookland placed in charge of the plants at Eldred and Galeton. It is said that the first mortgage bond holders intend to have the plant sold at once under foreclosure of the mortgage. The company has defaulted in two payments of the first mortgage bonds, held principally by about 150 people in the vicinity of Lancaster, Pa. The amount of the first mortgage bond is $150,000. In addition there is a second mortgage bond issue distributed principally among Punxsutawney parties, of $50,000. That the plant would sell for enough to cover both is a question. The company is owned by H. C. Gage of Williamsport and Otto C. Mosch of Galeton. The Eldred plant was put in nearly 20 years ago at a cost of about $35,000.

The passenger train due here at 2:35 p. m., Wednesday ran into an open switch, above Larabee, and was derailed, but fortunately was running so slowly that the engine and cars remained right side up, although some of them assured broadside positions across the track. The accident was caused by the switch being left open.

Willard Robinson had the misfortune to stumble and fall when going to his home at Duffytown, last night, and broke his right leg about four inches above the ankle. Dr. Huff reduced the fracture.

Eldred certainly can take the starch out of Smethport at basket ball, a great satisfaction to the fans who remember the way the county seat boys used to put it all over Eldred at base ball.

In the damage suit of W. N. Llewelyn vs. the Borough on account of damage by the pavement, the viewers awarded him $100.—Eagle.

Come and take advantage of our Saturday specials Sunshine Cash Grocery Co. adv.1t

PORT ALLEGANY

Paint Factory Burned With a Loss of $100,000, Insurance $75,000

The Mineral Oil Paint Company's factory on Railroad avenue, owned by a newly organized Company, and managed by Thomas and Ben Gilleuly caught fire Friday afternoon and was practically all consumed with nearly all its valuable stock and contents, in spite of the heroic efforts of the fire company which responded promptly.

The loss is estimted to be in excess of a $100,000 in building and contents on which was carried an insurance of $75,000. It gave work to about a dozen men at good wages, and the town can ill afford to lose it. It will probably be rebuilt.

—A letter from Randall Laymon states that he has been transferred with six hundred other lads from Fort Slocum, N. Y., to Camp Lee, near Petersburg, Va. and that the accommodations there far surpass those at Fort Slocum. He has been assigned to the First Co., Provisional Battalion, Aviation section signal corps. He expects to be transferred to one of the aviation fields in Texas as soon as arrangements can be made there for their accommodations. A fine outfit furnished by the local Red Cross organization, has been sent on to him.

Miss Nellie Smith returned to her home in Smethport Saturday, after passing a few days here the guest of her sister Mrs. John Ryan.

Mrs. John Seitz is a sufferer from bloodpoisoning in her foot. She pared a corn with a knife and the malady resulted. For a time she was pretty ill, but is some better at this writing.

The marriage of Miss Elva Newland of this place to Frank K. Donaldson of Olean took place January 2nd at the Ninth street Methodist church at Olean, by Rev. Crooker.

Mrs. Volney Coleman of Salamanca, N. Y. passed Wednesday in town, the guest of relatives.

C. W. Catlin was a business visitor in Smethport on Thursday.—Reporter.

—Howard Hall is building a fine tile barn at his home on South Main street. He has some excellent Jersey cattle of which he is very proud.

—Mrs. Tom Todd and children leave Friday for Huntington, W. Va. where Mr. Todd is working, and they will spend the winter there.

Miss Katherine Miller and Mrs. C. W. Catlin went to Olean Saturday to visit Miss Kershner, who has been ill.

Mrs. W. J. McGranor has been at North East the past week, called there by the illness of her mother, Mrs. W. J. Arney.

Ed. Studholme of Smethport was a visitor in town on Saturday morning.—Argus.

KANE

A Few Newsy Jots From the City On the Mountain

Loss of more than $50 by theft from two boarders, is reported to the police by Mrs. J. Abrams, of Bayard street when their rooms were ransacked on Saturday afternoon. The victim of the robbery are Josephine Sikie, who is employed at the Brush block and the loss of her earnings totals $43. Her suit case was broken open by the thief. Loss of $5.00 and a watch and chain is contribution of Joe Fakady to the theft.

Resourcefulness of officials of the Pennsylvania railroad was demonstrated in the order to the local wreck crew Sunday to proceed to Tambine and load the abandoned signal tower on a car for transfer to Garland, where the tower burned Sunday morning. Using the big crane of the Kane wrecking train, the loading of the Tambine tower was accomplished and was enroute Monday to Garland, where it will be unloaded and placed in position.

In the fifteen months since McKean county became he pioneer in this state in agreement for highway building through 50-50 payment of cost by the state and counties, 29 of 67 Pennsylvania counties have entered into similar arrangement with the Pennsylvania state highway department.

W. S. Caldwell, of this city, was elected a director of the People's bank of Erie at Mondays meeting of the stockholders.—Republican.

COLEGROVE.

Frozen Pipes Kept Mr. Anderson Busy —News of the Week.

Mrs. R. N. Wilson has returned from a visit to Erie.

Rev. R. Brookes left Saturday for his home in Sardinia, N. Y., after conducting services in the Union church at Colegrove last week.

At Colegrove last week. Rev. Brookes leaves soon for England to "do his bit," for his native land.

C. A. Anderson spent a very enjoyable (?) Sunday thawing out water pipes and drain pipes, the filing up of the latter causing an overflow in the kitchen during the night. There was fine skating on that floor all morning.

The Farmers Alliance is advertising for a tonic—or perhaps the absence of a re-election of officers has affected this prominent organization. The Junior Farmer's Alliance is making fine progress.

Miss Florence McLaughlin is a Mt. Jewett visitor.

Snow Avenue reports a shortage of water due to frozen pipes. Main and R. R. Streets are faring better.

Mrs. B. W. Heinemann, Miss Maude Landon, Miss Edna Anderson and Messrs. Edmunds and Lord attended the meeting of the personal workers club held at Crosby church Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Amy Peterson left Saturday for Jamestown, N. Y. to attend the funeral of a relative.

Wanted—By G. A. & F. B. dates that will hold good until the above mentioned young gentlemen arrive.

Mrs. J. Dillon and Miss B. McDade walked up from Crosby on one of our stormiest days. The weather doesn't bother them.

According to Madam Rumor a couple of Colegrove somebodies learned the meaning of the word "stung" not long ago.

CORYVILLE

No School on Account of Teacher's Illness—Personal Notes.

Eli Champlin of Emporium was a guests of his prents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Champlin, Tuesday.

Geo. Hibbard was an Eldred visitor one day last week.

Mrs. Willis Flory returned Monday from Bradford where she visited her sister Mrs. Samuel Waldo for a few days.

Mrs. E. G. Fairchild visited her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Trank in Eldred a few days last week.

Anyone wishing to get a nice comfortable attachment for sleighs for keeping warm inquire of John Rice of Kent Hollow, we hear he has one for sale—How about it Johnnie?

Mrs. Ella Holmes entertained a few relatives and friends at her home Tuesday.

Geo. Parker was a business visitor in Smethport, Friday.

Fay Barron was in Smethport Tuesday.

There was no school here Wednesday on account of the illness of the teacher, Miss Clara Taylor.

John Rice was in Smethport Saturday.

LA FAYETTE

Cleaning Away Mill Site—Officers of Grange Elected.

Mr. and Mrs. Odel Eckdale are the parents of a son born January 15, at their home on North Rod.

Mr. Jas. Williamson is ill at his home on North Roads.

There were no services in the M. E. church here Sunday on account of the severe storm.

Workmen who have been engaged in clearing the A. J. Bond mill at Timbuc have completed their work and left Friday for their homes.

Jesse, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barnes, who was ill, suffering from bronchitis is convalescent. Dr. Monagan of Mt. Alton attended him.

The officers elected by LaFayette Grange 1555 for 1918 are as follows:
Master—H. H. Halcomb.
Overseer—Raymond Vennard.
Lecturer—Mrs. Bettie Webb.
Steward—J. E. Anderson.
Ass't Steward—J. Brown.
Gate Keeper—G. A. Taylor.
Chaplain—Mrs. Annie Holcomb.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ella Newton.
Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Beeman.
Ceres—Mrs. Mary Hilliard.
Pomona—Mrs. Ellen Walker.
Flora—Miss Mary Hilliard.
Trustee—J. E. Anderson.
Lady Ass't Steward—Mrs. Jessie Newton.

BRADFORD

Well Known Former Resident Dead—Happy Marriage.

Abraham L. Taylor, a well known resident of this city who resided alone at No. 126 High street, was found dead at his home Thursday morning by neighbors. The police were notified as was Deputy Coroner H. S. Robins. It is judged that Mr. Taylor died in the early part of the evening as he had not retired as usual.

Sergeant Francis H. Johnson, a non-commissioned officer in the Sanitary detachment, who has spent a short furlough at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Johnson of Kennedy street, will leave this morning to rejoin his command at Camp Hancock.

Alderman S. D. Foley, Tuesday received word of the death during the day at Cambridge Springs, Pa., of Clement B. Jones, City Clerk of Jamestown, N. Y., and one of the most widely known and popular volunteer firemen in this part of the country. Mr. Jones was about 70 years old and his death was due to pneumonia.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Louise McDermott of Main street and Mr. William Lawrence Gorman of Jefferson street, was solemnized Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock in St. Bernard's church, Rev. David F. Hickey, LL. D., officiating.

The death of Mrs. Nellie White occurred Tuesday night at her home No. 35 North Kendall avenue, due to a sickness incident to old age. Deceased who had resided in Bradford for 35 years, was 67 years old and very well known throughout this section. She was a member of the Free Methodist church.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Wilder will be held at her home in Derrick City at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon and the remains will be taken in the afternoon to Elba, Genesee county, New York, for interment.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Thayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thayer of Erie, Pa., formerly of this city, and Frank J. Monsham, was solemnized Monday, January 14, at Erie. —Star-Record and Era.

POPULAR SCIENCE

A substitute for gelatine is made from a seaweed found in the Philippines.

In spite of the length of the neck of the giraffe there are only seven joints in it.

Seaweed, chemically treated and fire-proofed, and made into pads, is used as a sound-killing lining for walls.

If a baby had the appetite of a young potato beetle it would eat from 50 to 100 pounds of food every 24 hours.

The lightest wood known is the balsam—wood, which is found in Central America and the northern states of South America.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

The surest test of civilization is its treatment of women.

Do not withhold encouragement. When a thing is good say so; it helps.

Moss grows on a man's hopes if he waits for something to turn up.

The most stupid fault anyone can have is to believe that he is never stupid.

The most successful life does not think about its success or failure, but of its task.

The greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice; her constant companion is humility.

No one is more impatient for new experiences than he who does not know what to do with his old ones.

And the kingdom of heaven is of the childlike, of those who are easy to please, who love and who give pleasure.

There are few difficulties that hold out against real attacks; they fly, like the visible horizon, before those who advance.

Any social condition in which the development of wealth involves the misery, the physical weakness and the degradation of the worker is infallibly doomed to collapse.

Somewhere in the great world the sun is always shining, and just so sure as you live it will sometimes shine on you. There is so much sun and so much storm, and we must have our share of both. Be always smiling bravely.

SOMETHING NEW

Danish engineers have found a way to successfully drive Diesel engines with a gas made from peat.

A turbine of 1,000-horsepower, driven by the explosion of a mixture of producer gas and air, is running a high voltage dynamo in a German city.

A patent has been granted for a garment hanger to hold a man's coat and trousers, the latter being stretched and creased without additional effort.

Three separate elements, any one of which may be replaced when needed, feature a new dry battery for pocket electric lamps invented in Switzerland.

For night fishing there has been invented a float carrying an incandescent lamp and a storage battery, the former being lighted by a fish pulling a hook.

A California natural history club is conducting a campaign of education intended to save the lives of harmless snakes, which war upon destructive rodents.

French radio experts are planning the erection of wireless antennae 15 miles long and containing 150 miles of wire to test the use of long wave lengths.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Sawing wood and carrying coal are home industries.

The wedding tour is often the calm before the storm.

Writer's cramp may affect either the wrist or stomach.